



Victorian Christmas celebrations

ONCE again Weymouth pulled out all the stops with the celebrated Victorian Shownight, a Christmas celebration of festive fun and entertainment at the weekend, with Santa in his grotto

on the green at St Mary's church.

The Victorian celebrations are organised by Weymouth's Business Improvement District (BID) and local businesses embraced the

event by dressing their windows with Christmas creativity and skill. Many members of staff dressed up in Victorian dress and offered special discounts and offers to customers.

The Weymouth & Portland Chamber of Commerce was one of the supporters and judged the best dressed Victorian window competition, won by Battens Solicitors.

This year the Weymouth BID and Roger Dalton Associates successfully applied for a grant from the Arts Council for £9000.00. The grant was used to

create a wonderful lantern display which involved six local schools and 200 young people.

During the opening of the event on Friday evening, they paraded from Hope Square through the town to New Bond Street where the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland switched on the Christmas lights.

The Christmas festival continued on Saturday, 6th December, when stalls filled the streets offering food, gifts and Christmas accessories. At midday the St Andrew's School Choir started the musical accompaniment, which

later included shows from Punch and Judy, the Wey Valley Choir, Weymouth Rock Choir, Weymouth Ukuleleans, Kadia Contemporary Folk Band and many more. The ice rink and snow machine also added to the atmosphere.

Kat McConnell, event co-ordinator said: "After the success of last year's Victorian Shownight, Colonial Leisure Ltd are delighted to be the Gold sponsor again this year. It's a special time of year for The Penn with Christmas weddings and families coming to stay for the holidays.

"Christmas is a fantas-



■ SOME of the Christmas lanterns made by the town's children. For more photographs of the weekend, turn to page 5.

tic time for local businesses, a chance to share the festive spirit with friends, customers old and new.

"We must also give

special thanks to the Weymouth Community volunteers and Weymouthbid Weyfarer volunteers who helped to manage the event."

Saturday was also Small Business Saturday when shoppers all over the county enjoyed free parking all day in council car parks.

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THIS week's joint 60 Second interviewees are Tracey West and Teresa Fowler, from Uplyme and Lyme Regis respectively.

Tracey, who previously worked in the care industry, and Teresa, a florist who will be marking the 18th anniversary of her well-established Lyme business House of Flowers this month, have recently paired up to launch Feel Fabulous, a new beauty business offering a vast range of treatments.

● HOW did you both get into beautician work?

Teresa: I have always loved everything "nails" and always done my own and friends and family, so thought I would train professionally (we both have). I love the fact that the design aspect and trends with nails keeps changing, similar to with flowers, so I can be creative with them and try new ideas. We work as a team together but separately.

Tracey: I have always worked in the care environment and beauty is something I've always wanted to do. It gives me great satisfaction. I also sell Tropic Skin Care products and offer mobile treatments too. We do pamper parties together which is good fun.

● WHAT made you decide to go into business together as Feel Fabulous?

We started training at the same time a couple of years ago without knowing it, it was quite funny when we mentioned it to each other! We were already friends and this was just the right thing to do. We both provide different treatments and believe in natural and kind products and together we are Feel Fabulous. We both thought it was a great name for nail and beauty and Tasmin. Teresa's daughter, made us the logo.

● WHAT treatments do you offer?

Well, that's a very long list but most popular are the massages, facials, threading, waxing, spray tans, lash and brow tints, lash lift and lash extensions, nail extensions and enhancements, the long-lasting gel polish, nail art, paraffin manicures and pedicures! A full list of treatments as well as loyalty cards and gift vouchers are available at House of Flowers in Broad Street. Skin and nail health is something that needs to be maintained and we give you all the advice tips and info you need.

● WHAT'S been the reaction of customers so far?
It's been great! They love coming here, they say it's "handy"! The reaction has been very positive and supportive and they love that we are doing it. We are becoming popular with both locals and visitors, and people are taking the time to leave great reviews so we are very grateful.

● HOW does Feel Fabulous tie in with Teresa's existing business at House of Flowers?

Teresa: Perfectly! I have a nail bar in the shop and it's a lovely setting to sit and have your nails done surrounded by the scent and vibrancy of the flowers. Both nails and flowers are both very creative professions and the two go together "hand in hand"! I get inspiration from floral designs and have had some lovely feedback. I keep up to date with all the latest trends with both.

It's house of flowers 18th anniversary this month, I can't believe I set it up 18 years ago!



Tracey: It's a convenient drop-in place to make appointments and pick up a price list. I also sell Tropic Skin Care which you can order and collect from there, or you order via our Facebook page "Feel Fabulous".

● DO you have any plans to expand further?

Yes, there's much more in the pipeline. We are always adding new treatments, you can never stop learning, especially as it's a forever-changing service.

Tracey: I've just started offering lash extensions.

Teresa: I can convert your ordinary nail polish into a gel.

We have both have regular clients and acquiring a good reputation is what we are concentrating on. We do have access to beauty rooms locally but also offer mobile services. We are both fully qualified and insured.

● HAVE you any special offers in the run up to

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

Christmas?

We both have had special offers on already and always probably will.

Teresa: I have been offering the paraffin mani and pedi as it's ideal for this time of year. It's good for dry skin, stiff joints, soothing pain from arthritis, improves circulation, cleansing relaxing and stimulating. In fact, I did this on a recent pamper evening and sent everyone to sleep!

Tracey: I have been offering spray tans and lash extensions. They make such a difference and ideal for all the Christmas parties.

Christmas bookings are already getting busy but we will both be doing some January special offers too so if you're stuck for a present a voucher would be a good idea! We have offers displayed in the shop and on our Facebook page where we regularly run competitions and display photos of our work.

● WHAT are your personal interests?

Teresa: I love spending time with family which means regular weekends in London to see my daughter who is at uni studying graphic design and my son is doing an apprenticeship as a joiner, they are both very creative. I regularly visit relatives and love walking my dog Poppy, there's so many different walks here.

Tracey: I have two young boys that keep me active, Charlie attends Mrs Ethelston's and William is waiting to start pre-school. I enjoy running, spinning and socialising with friends!

● WHAT do you like about living in Uplyme and Lyme Regis?

For a small town we've got it all, including a cinema and great local shops! We must all continue to support everything we've got. We don't like the empty houses as it's not good for the economy so rent them out and get them lived in!

We love the summers and swimming in the sea, the sandy beaches, lovely walks and we also like the winters here! It's such a great place to live.

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Crime round-up

Car park: man assaulted

POLICE are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward after a man was assaulted in the town.

The assault happened at around 3.15pm on Thursday 27 November 2014 when the victim, a 54-year-old man from Portland, was in the stairwell of a multi-storey car park in Commercial Road.

The victim was barged into by two unknown men as he walked down the stairs toward the lower St Alban Street exit. One of the offenders then used an implement to cut the victim's right cheek.

The victim suffered a cut to his face but did not require hospital treatment.

Police Constable Dan Seall, of Weymouth police, said "This was an unprovoked attack.

"I am appealing for anyone who has any information about those responsible, to contact Dorset Police."

One of the offenders is in his teens and was wearing a grey hooded jumper.

Incident number 30:325

Man bitten by dog

OFFICERS investigating a dog bite on Portland are appealing for the owners of the dog to come forward.

The incident happened at around 4.45pm on Sunday 30 November 2014.

The victim, a 20-year-old local man, was walking along pushing his bike near to the steps on High Street at the end of Mallams when a girl, walking a dog, came toward him.

When they were level the dog jumped up at the victim and went to bite his arm which left a small scratch on his arm. The dog then bit the man's thigh leaving a larger scratch and bite mark.

The dog is described as a black and white Border Collie type and the girl as aged between 14 and 16 and about five feet seven inches tall. She has brown shoulder length hair and was wearing a green high visibility horse riding style jacket.

Weymouth and Portland police, said: "The girl stopped and asked the victim whether he was all right but he was in shock and didn't really answer.

"I am quite sure that the dog owners are local to the Underhill area of Portland. They are not in any trouble but I would like to speak with them as part of my investigation."

Incident: 30:325/373/14/JH

Van screen smashed

VANDALS have smashed the windscreen of a white Vauxhall Vivaro works van parked on Lichfield Road, Weymouth.

Police say the incident happened between 8.00am on November 27th and 3.00pm on December 2nd.

Anyone who saw anything or who has any information about these incidents should contact Dorset Police in complete confidence on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Inspiring engineers



■ WEY Valley School pupils

AN Engineering X-Factor and Robot Wars were just two of the special workshops at Wey Valley School, Weymouth, during an activity day organized to challenge Year 8 students' ideas about engineering.

The STEM Day (science, technology, engineering and maths), was organized by Mary Critchell, manager of the 14-19 year age group, and involved outside specialists to deliver activities in school.

The day started with an interactive show, 'Engineering around the World', delivered by presenter Zoe Gamble from Science Made Simple, which Mary Critchell said was "brilliantly designed and totally engaging, with demonstrations that cleverly communicated key engineering concepts".

She added: "We were so pleased with the response of our Year 8s to the ideas and challenges presented. The day really seems to have raised their aspirations which is exactly what we were hoping for."

Students also took part in a design challenge and a series of workshops delivered by an initiative led by Engineering UK and the Royal Academy of Engineering.

The workshops helped students develop decision-making, teamwork, communication, presentation skills and creative ideas.

Sophie Suter in form 8PAG said: "The assembly was really informative about engineering in the workplace and the robot activities were great fun."

Paul Norman, vice principal of Wey Valley, said: "Our students are telling us they feel they now know more about engineering than before and that the day's events have motivated them to consider engineering as a career."

"They valued the opportunity to work with visiting STEM ambassadors and thought the workshops were great."

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■ DAVE Harris (second left) presents the CAMRA Beer of the Festival certificate to Vic Irvine (left), Jodie Moore (second right) and Chris Parsons

Cerne Abbas Ale wins CAMRA punters' vote and sells out on festival's first day

DORSET'S newest brewery has scooped Weymouth Beer Festival's top beer award.

The Cerne Abbas Brewery only began in May, when Vic Irvine and Jodie Moore bought the equipment of Art Brew at North Chideock.

With the help of Chris Parsons, Cerne Abbas Ale is finding many devotees in the county and the team were delighted to be invited to the CAMRA beer festival in October at the Ocean Room at Weymouth Pavilion.

The award presentation was made at a special 'thank you' event at Weymouth Pavilion for the 47 volunteers who made the festival such a success.

CAMRA spokesman Michel Hooper-Immins said: "Festivalgoers voted during all four sessions and the beer with the most number of votes received the high accolade of Beer

of the Festival.

"West Dorset CAMRA was absolutely delighted that the brand new Cerne Abbas Brewery won, a good omen for their future success in the local brewing world."

West Dorset CAMRA chairman Dave Harris said: "We are always surprised and delighted when a previously unknown beer wins our public vote."

"This year, not only did Cerne Abbas Ale win the competition, but it sold out on the first day: a double success. Enough votes were cast to beat all other beers which had two days at our event, so it is a very well deserved award."

The team are currently still brewing at North Chideock, but will soon move to a new location near Cerne Abbas.

Vic Irvine said: "We were delighted to win the Beer of the Festival

award. CAMRA beer festivals are always the best and, given that our beer ran out after two of the four sessions, we felt our achievement was quite remarkable. We are now brewing a blonde beer. The ales will vary monthly.

"November's was single hopped with Chinook hops. December's is brewed with Jester, a new British hop from the breeding programme that we consider a punchy answer to all the hops flooding the country from America and down under!"

Both the dark and the new blonde versions of Cerne Abbas Ale have been on sale at Dorchester CAMRA's award-winning Colliton Club.

Manager Neil Gatehouse said: "Our customers always enjoy good local beer. I think Cerne Abbas Ale is a delightful brew and I'm looking forward to sampling the monthly specials which will be available at the Colliton Club from now on."

Next year's Weymouth beer festival will be held on October 16th-17th, again at the Ocean Room.

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A303 funding announcement will be good news for Dorset

DORSET'S economy is set to be boosted following the announcement of major government funding to improve the A303 transport corridor north of the county.

Dorset County Council has lobbied government for the 'whole route improvement' of the A303 corridor, as part of a group of local authorities led by Somerset County Council.

And the hard work has paid off, with the announcement last week by Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin and Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander that the full A303 corridor, including the A358 from the Ilminster roundabout to Taunton and the A30, will be upgraded as part of a £2 billion roads investment strategy.

The A303 passes through the very north of Dorset, providing an essential link for the

north of the county, particularly Gillingham. The A303/A358 route provides strategic connections to the north from south and south-east Dorset.

Dorset County Council Cabinet member for Environment and the Economy, Peter Finney said: "This really is excellent news.

"Dorset County Council and the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership both support improvement to the whole of the A303/A358.

"Recent economic studies suggest that major improvements to the A303/A358 corridor could inject £41 billion into the south west's economy and create in excess of 21,000 jobs regionally. The benefit to Dorset itself could amount to £4.7 billion, with tourism benefits of up to £2.6 billion.

"In Somerset, dualling the A303 be-



GOVERNMENT funding will improve traffic flow on the A303

tween South Petherton and Ilminster (the Ilminster Bypass), plus the A358 between Ilminster and M5 junction 25 at Taunton will improve the north-south route, critical for freight traffic accessing Dorset's ports at Portland and Poole.

"To fully maximise the benefits to Dorset's economy, further improvements to the

A37/A3088 south and west of Yeovil will also be needed, as identified in the Dorset LEP Strategic Economic Plan.

Capacity and junction enhancements to the A303 in Wiltshire will also enable further expansion of Gillingham and Shaftesbury, specifically benefiting the economy of North Dorset.

More intelligent use of stop and search by police

DORSET police has launched key elements of the 'Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme' in an effort to lead to better and more intelligence-led stop and searches with more effective outcomes.

The scheme is being implemented in Dorset to deliver improved, intelligence-led results and to enhance public scrutiny of 'stop and search' activity.

Dorset police has introduced a community trigger process which means that public repre-

sentatives sit on a 'Stop and Search Community Scrutiny Panel' which considers stop and search activity, community issues and complaints against police relating to this tactic.

As part of the new scheme, the use of the Section 60 'no suspicion' powers have been restricted. Authorisation to use these powers can now only be given by a Chief Officer.

Section 60 'no suspicion' powers are used when it is believed that serious violence will occur.

Dorset Police lead, Chief Inspector Ashley Adams said: "Dorset police are committed to using stop and search powers to prevent and detect crime and to do so with transparency and honesty, to inspire trust and confidence within the communities of Dorset.

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Vandals damage Xmas decorations and trees

VANDALS have severely damaged a Christmas tree and thrown empty beer bottles at houses and cars in Weymouth.

Police say the incident happened just after midnight on Saturday, December 6th, following a party in the village hall along Halstock Close, Preston.

Three men threw empty beer bottles at houses and cars before leaving toward Chalbury.

PC Adam Bayliss, of Weymouth Police, said: "I believe the same offenders then moved on to Preston Road where they severely damaged a Christmas tree at Chalbury Corner.

"I urge anyone who witnessed either incident or has any information about those responsible to contact police.

"Also, I would like to hear from a passer-by who was walking a small dog in the area of Chalbury Corner who may be able to assist with my enquiries. The only description I have is that he was wearing reflective trousers."

Karen Smith, said: "We have been putting on a Christmas event at Chalbury Corner for the past eight years called Christmas on the Green. This year it is in aid of the Weldmar charity and the event is held on Thursday, December 18th.

"The illuminated tree is the centrepiece to the carol singing, Father Christmas and other festivities. It has been donated by us at Goadsby, Chalbury Wine Stores and Trinity Street Christmas and costs the businesses approximately £300 including decorations."

No arrests have yet been made.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Incident number 5:483



■ DORSET'S outstanding childcare workers

Dorset's childcare stars celebrated

PEOPLE dedicated to working with young children in Dorset were recently praised for their commitment at the annual Early Years and Childcare Awards ceremony.

The ceremony, organised by Dorset County Council, celebrated the nurseries, pre-schools and childminders which have received the highest OfSTED grade of 'outstanding' over the last year. There are now 116 outstanding early years settings across Dorset.

Dorset County Council's director for children's services Sara Tough and head of learning and inclusion, Phil Minns presented the awards.

Ms Tough said: "The early years of a child's life are arguably the most important in setting the foundations for future development, so I'm delighted that a number of early years, childcare settings and childminders in Dorset are rated as outstanding by Ofsted. Parents can be confident

that their little ones are in good hands and are being given the best start in life."

Awards were also presented to those committed to improving their knowledge and skills working with children by achieving Early Years teacher status and Early Years foundation degree.

Tina Ironside, partnership and workforce manager for Dorset County Council, said:

"Research proves that the quality of childcare is directly linked to the qualifications of staff working with children, so we are very lucky in Dorset to have so many dedicated early years professionals willing to study for many years to reach graduate level. The impact is evidenced by how many good and outstanding settings Dorset has, and how well prepared children are for starting school"

Toni Coombs, Dorset County Council member for education said: "We are very proud of the achievements of our early years providers."

Help to refurbish 53k empty homes

OWNERS of empty homes are being offered council help to bring their properties back into use.

The Empty Homes Agency estimates that there are almost 53,000 empty homes in the area.

West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council have a dedicated Empty Homes Officer available to advise owners of the support options available to help them bring their properties back into use and generate income through rent or selling.

For owners looking to let their property, both councils have their own lettings team who can advise and help with managing a property.

Both councils also offer financial assistance to owners with properties in need of essential repairs.

Cllr Kevin Brookes, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council Housing officer said: "Empty Homes Week

gives us a chance to remind anyone dealing with an empty home that the council can help make the most of their property.

"With high housing demand in the area we can't afford to let properties lie empty and will be working hard to return empty properties to use."

Cllr Robert Gould, West Dorset District Council Leader said: "We encourage anyone dealing with an empty home to consider their options and get in touch if they require any advice or assistance."

If you have a property sitting empty and would like some advice, please contact David Barnicoat, Empty Property Officer for West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council on 01305 252 469, e-mail housingimprovement@west-dorset-weymouth.gov.uk or visit www.dorset-foryou.com for more information.

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Important 'Public First' meeting in Dorchester

A 'Public-First' meeting is being held at the Corn Exchange on Wednesday 7th January at 7pm-9.15pm.

This meeting is specifically for residents of west Dorset to be able to give their views on key structural issues affecting West Dorset District Council.

The two key issues are 'cabinet government' as currently operated in WDDC, and the possibility of moving to a 'unitary' form of local government in Dorset.

"The opportunities for the public to ask questions at WDDC's meetings is limited at a maximum of two hours per year," says John Grantham, one of the meeting's organisers.

"With that restriction it's impossible really to air the issues satisfactorily, and a year ago the opportunity also disappeared for individuals to put even one short supplementary question. So the need for a forum like that on January 7th has been reinforced."

Early reaction from a few councillors to the idea and from residents has been most positive, so we hope the evening will strengthen West Dorset's democratic relationship between residents, councillors, council officers and representatives of political parties."

Choral society xmas concert

WEYMOUTH Choral Society's annual Christmas concert is on Saturday, December 13th in a new venue: St Aldhelm's Church, Spa Road, Weymouth.

There will be festive music in many different styles and ample opportunity for audience participation in the traditional well-loved carols.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00 (and free to under-16s) and will be available soon from choir members, Dorchester TIC (01305 267992), Harmony Music (01305 260360), Wyke Regis Library and on the door.

Library's quiz night and coffee morning



MORE than 70 people got their heads down at a quiz by the Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL).

Teams were posed some fiendishly challenging questions which finally saw the Famous Five emerge as clear winners. They left with a £60 cash prize.

And coffee and mince pies warmed visitors when Friends of Weymouth Library held their annual Christmas coffee morning.

The event also included a tombola with numerous prizes.

Organiser Anne Cleveland said: "We had a lot of people come down not just for the coffee but to meet each other for a chat as well."

"All money raised will go to FOWL funds which we use to provide the library with things that their budget doesn't cover."



Digging deep for new orchard



■ Rosemary Agg from Dorset Gardens Trust, left, and Charlotte Appleby from Battens, second left, present cheque to pupils and teaching assistants in the new orchard

GREEN-FINGERED pupils in Weymouth are sowing the seeds for success with support from a leading law firm and countywide conservation charity.

The environmentally-minded youngsters are planting a dozen saplings to create an orchard at Radipole Primary School, thanks to Battens Solicitors through its charitable trust and the Dorset Gardens Trust (DGT).

DGT was able to present the school with £400 for the apple and pear trees plus planting equipment. They decided to help out after six-year-old Radipole pupil Millie wrote a letter asking for trees for the school's new orchard.

Rosemary Agg, chairman of DGT's schools committee, and Charlotte Appleby, from Battens' Weymouth office, visited the school with the funds.

They met Millie and Year Five pupils from Radipole's gardening club in the orchard, which is next to the school's pond, polytunnel and allotments.

Rosemary said: "It is so important that children learn about the growing of plants and where their

food comes from.

"We were delighted to be able to help with Millie's request, and our thanks go to Battens Charitable Trust for making it possible."

Charlotte said: "Pupils at Radipole are clearly passionate about gardening and the great outdoors."

"It was just this kind of enthusiasm and community spirit that the Battens Charitable Trust was established to nurture."

"We wish the pupils every success and look forward to seeing them enjoy the fruits of their labour at harvest time next year."

Generations of pupils at Radipole have benefitted from the school's long-established commitment to outdoor learning and wildlife.

Headteacher Veronique Singer said: "We are lucky to have so many dedicated pupils and staff who are so passionate about gardening, especially our teaching assistants Jo Milan and Sandra Beale."

"Our great thanks to the DGT and Battens Charitable for their invaluable support."

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MP Richard Drax formally opens new Littlemoor post office

SOUTH Dorset MP Richard Drax has officially opened the new-looking Littlemoor post office in Weymouth.

He cut a ribbon at McColl's on Littlemoor Road where post office services are now available from two modern screened positions, Monday to Saturday from 9.00am-5.30pm.

There is also a combi-counter where cus-

tomers can access selected Post Office products and services alongside retail transactions outside core post office opening hours. That counter will operate Monday-Saturday 6.00am-9.00am and 5.30pm to 8.00pm and 7.00am to 8.00pm on Sundays.

The branch now opens significantly earlier and closes much

later every day making it more convenient.

Mr Drax said: "The branch looks really modern and professional. I am very impressed that the post office opening hours have more than doubled. This will make it far easier for customers."

Chief Operating Officer for McColl's Retail Group, Dave Thomas,

said: "We are delighted to be welcoming customers to our newly refurbished Littlemoor post office, which offers a wide range of post office services alongside our extensive retail offer."

"As a convenience store operator we always look for ways to make life easier for our customers and the additional Post Office serv-

ices are available for the full opening hours of the store in order to provide an excellent service for the local community."

Post office senior stakeholder manager Laura Tarling said: "We understand how important having a post office is to residents in the Littlemoor area of Weymouth."

"This modernisation is part of a major investment programme, the largest in the history of the Post Office. It marks a commitment to no more branch closure programmes."



■ COUNTER assistant Dee Lawrie, McColl's area manager Jacqui Partner, Laura Tarling, manager Ben Hendin and South Dorset MP Richard Drax

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Wey Valley student wins prestigious dance place

WEYMOUTH'S Wey Valley School student, Amy Cook, has successfully auditioned and gained one of only 20 places available countywide in the Dorset County Youth Dance Group, Poortrait.

Wey Valley principal Phil Thomas said: "This is a fantastic achievement because over the next year Amy will get the chance to work with professional dancers and companies, performing in events across Dorset and other parts of the UK."

Amy Cook, who is in Year 11, said: "I am very much enjoying the sessions with a friendly group of fellow dancers and teacher."

"This opportunity will build my confidence and dance skills."

"I was a little nervous at the start, but the contemporary theme is very enjoyable and suits anyone wishing to learn dance. The staff at Poortrait have been very welcoming and they are really passionate about dancing."

Julie Ashmore, Wey Valley's head of dance, said: "Amy is an absolute inspiration in the dance studio. She is a very driven and talented dancer, and a delightful young lady to teach. She deserves to go far."

Lions Club does it again!

WEYMOUTH and Portland Lions Club put on another fantastic free 'sell-out' Christmas show for the senior citizens of the borough.

From humble beginnings as a carol concert over 30 years ago, the annual Weymouth & Portland Lions Club Christmas Show for senior citizens has developed into its popular Variety Show format of recent years.

All tickets went within a week of the box office opening and all the performers gave their time free to support the Lions Club.

This year the entertainment was provided by very popular local band Replay, fronted by Lions President Norman Stagles.

A regular visitor to the show is Matt Black 'The Piano Man' and two new acts appeared this year; the all-girl vocal group 'The Decadettes' and Magician Derek Foley.

The show was compered by comedian, Dickie Williams.

Dreaming of a Wyke Christmas is better than ever



MORE than 40 stalls helped give Weymouth's 'I'm Dreaming of a Wyke Christmas' street attraction a new look for 2014.

The event displayed a whole range of new stalls including a hog roast, fish and chips, wood-fired pizzas, cakes, bags, cider, photographs, jewellery and even a dog shop!

Organiser Georgina Skipper said: "We also had a lot of charity stalls which were with us for the first time."

"Overall our stall numbers were up by about ten percent, so we were pleased at that."

"Our main problem this year was with parked cars blocking stall areas."

"Drivers were warned well in advance, but many motorists ignored those warnings so we had to contact police to get them to ask

drivers to move.

"Hopefully this won't happen in 2015 when the event will be held on Sunday, December 13th."

All proceeds from the 2014 Wyke Christmas will go to local good causes.

Georgina said: "Anyone who feels that they know of a good cause which deserves some of our money should contact me on 01305-761993 or email me on g.skipper@btinternet.com."

Weymouth & Portland Mayor Councillor Kate Wheller opened the event and said: "It looked lovely and the Dorset For Singing choir was terrific."

"I was delighted that so many people came along. This was the ninth Wyke Christmas and it gets bigger and better every time."



■ **LEFT** Georgina Skipper in festive spirit, Mayor Kate Wheller with members of Dorset For Singing (above) and Weymouth South scout group toast marshmallows.



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Christmas comes early at The Alleyways this Sunday

BRIDPORT'S Art & Vintage Quarter, on St Michael's Trading Estate, is full of festive cheer – so why not pop in to The Alleyways Antiques Centre for a glass of mulled wine and mince pies this Sunday?

The Alleyways will be saying a big thank you to all its customers this Sunday as it lays on mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies to celebrate Christmas.

The West Dorset Higgler, famous for his amazing blends of coffee & tea, will be serving hot beverages and at midday Wessex Wines will be offering you a chance to taste their amazing collection.

Plus you can visit The Tarring House with its eclectic mix of traders, the new gallery, Brooks Art, the new antiques pine furniture shop, Stray Cat, along with your old favourites: Vintage at Cornucopia for vintage clothing; Cornucopia for antiques and collectables.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

BID badly bothered

WEYMOUTH Business Infighting District (BID) has recently been going through some acrimonious times.

Anyone at its recent annual meeting was left in no doubt that there was 'trouble at t'mill' with the BID's leading violinists getting a lot of 'oompah' from the rank and file wind section.

Each side loudly proclaimed that it was only interested in what was best for Weymouth yet both succeeded in portraying what was worst for Weymouth, namely a clear impression of stark divisions within the business community.

Equally clear was that both sides have some good ideas but have gone about the whole process of trying to put things right in the most damaging way they possibly could.

The BID board's record for communication with its levy members has been, how shall I put it, 'sparse' and members were right to berate directors about it.

But both joint chairmen have resigned and there is a feeling among other directors that they are being pilloried for trying to do their best for the business community.

Against that is many levy payers' feeling that they have been 'short changed' by BID benefits they feel don't stack up to what they have had to pay.

At the moment there appears to be a lull – at least until any threats materialise of calling an extraordinary general meeting in the New Year.

If that does happen then more directors who have put a lot of work into the BID might be ousted to be replaced by... whom?

Someone has to run the BID unless opponents are so hacked off they want the whole thing wound up.

And if levy payers do want the BID to continue, then who is going literally to step up to the Board?

One of the comments made at the annual meeting didn't get much air time and it was this.

Dorchester was widely praised for its very successful BID, yet it had the sort of bitter start very similar to what Weymouth is experiencing.

The thrust of the comment was that there were teething problems but things got better. Perhaps all those involved might take notice of that.

Happier ignorant

NOTHING is certain except death and taxes, said Benjamin Franklin, but government capacity to rub salt in that open taxation wound comes close to being a third certainty.

All of us are getting a natty little document through our letterboxes explaining what the tax money we have to pay is being spent on.

This is either bravery on the government's part or rank stupidity... My vote goes for stupidity.

Bad enough that we should have money taken away from us for some less than popular purposes but far worse, for the government, to spell out what that money is being splurged on.

I now know that two percent of my tax is being thrown at overseas aid and that oh so deserving UK contribution to the

EU budget.

That alone was enough to get blood pressure rising and it was stoked by another revelation that 2.1 percent of my tax money is being spent on... 'government administration'! Not the sharpest knife in the block at the best of times.

The final bitter pill to swallow came with the news that a monumental seven percent – or roughly £1 in every £14 of my taxation money is being spent on... paying off the interest on the national debt!

Given politicians' abject incompetence when it comes to almost any form of finance then I'd like to add a suggestion for the fourth certainty in life, namely that it will get worse before it gets better and it might not even be that good!

Don't mess about with our traditions!

IS nothing sufficiently sacred about Christmas that it can't be changed by some 'progressive' person looking to make a modern point?

I speak of the news that modern nativity plays are being 'tweaked' to include a few famous personae... such as Wayne Rooney!

Now the last time I looked, Rooney may be a saint to United fans but he has been guilty of some very un-saintly behaviour in the past.

However, it is the season of good will to all men, so how might a modern nativity play be rewritten to include him?

Well Bethlehem is out for a start. I suppose the star descending in the east over Old Trafford might catch on, perhaps swapping the inn for no room in the Stretford End.

And for three kings we might have worshippers in the stable adopting a 4-3-3 formation with

Joseph and Mary written out in favour of Van Gaal and Giggs although Giggsie would have to be in drag.

That leaves Wayne to play baby Jesus which, with his wispy hair, shouldn't be too much of a problem while in place of gold, frankincense and myrrh we could have a new five-year contract at £300,000+ a week and three A-boards to display sponsors names.

Yes, I think the idea is beginning to grow on me. After all, so many of the true values of Christmas have been dumped, why not this one?

That just leaves the three shepherds to sort out, unless Lineker, Shearer and Savage? While the role of God should be easy to fill. Just quietly slip Sepp Blatter a few quid and problem solved!

Personally I think the original nativity concept is the only one which matters.

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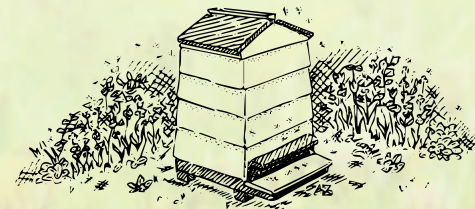


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The adoption scheme allows wildlife lovers to know they are directly helping a threatened species in Dorset. Brownsea Island provides one of only two homes to the native red squirrel in southern England (the other being the Isle of Wight), so it is vital that the management of their habitat continues.

DWT's Brownsea Island Manager, Chris Thain said: "There are around 200 red squirrels on the island, and our work in partnership with the National Trust has enabled the population to thrive. But we need help from the public so we can continue to provide ideal conditions for the reds to live in. The adoption scheme is a wonderful way for people to learn more about red squirrels and help them, and there's the bonus that visitors can come to the island and see the red squirrels living in their natural habitat."

Chris continues: "Although shy, red squirrels can be seen during the day in autumn particularly, jumping from tree to tree, searching for and burying food on the woodland floor."

For a unique and special gift this Christmas, you can adopt Hazel, Rusty, Elinore, Sparky or Flick for £20 a year, and receive an adoption pack including a personalised adoption certificate, red squirrel photograph, fact sheet, updates from our Brownsea Warden, and a soft toy red squirrel.

Visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/red_squirrel_adoptions to order online, or phone (01305) 264620. To receive your adoption pack in time for Christmas, please order before December 13th 2014.

Dorset Wildlife Trust has been working in partnership with the National Trust on Brownsea Island for over 50 years for the benefit of wildlife and enjoyment of people.



■ RED squirrel on Brownsea Island © Phyll England

Home library service available

ANYONE who likes to read but finds it difficult to get to the library, whether on a temporary or long-term basis, can make use of the Royal Voluntary Service Home Library Service.

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As well as the Home Library Service the RVS can provide befriending, help with transport or shopping and other things people might need. Just get in touch and find out how the RVS might be able to help.

The RVS is also looking for more library service volunteers to deliver in Weymouth.

Anyone interested in either receiving the service or becoming a volunteer should contact Maria Jacobson, RVS manager Dorset Home Library Service, on 07786 635154 or 01305 236666, or e-mail Maria.Jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

Linden's greenhouse glazed over

DORSET HealthCare's Linden Unit, which specialises in providing assessment, joint planning and therapeutic treatment for individuals who have mental health needs, has recently seen its greenhouse transformed back to its former glory with generous help and donations of the local Rotary Club, The Alexander Inn and Weymouth Glass.

During the heavy gales last year, the greenhouse was almost destroyed. The greenhouse is an important part of the occupational therapy of the patients and Linden Unit volunteer, Denise Andrew, approached the Rotary Club of Melcombe Regis to help with the rebuilding.

Members of the local Rotary Club immediately began work on the greenhouse, checking what was needed and sourcing the materials.

Along with other damage, the original plastic panels had been completely destroyed and had to be replaced so Weymouth Glass supplied, free of charge, new panels and steel reinforcing bars to ensure that the greenhouse will withstand future gales.

The Alexander Inn on Chickerell Road, Weymouth also hosted two quiz nights and donated the money raised for new shelving, pots and tools.

Roger Willis from Melcombe Regis Rotary, said: "We were pleased to help, knowing how valuable the greenhouse is to the patients at Linden Unit."

"We realised the importance of it



■ STORMDAMAGED greenhouse

because, as soon work was finished, the greenhouse was filled with seedlings which had been growing on the office windowsills.

"It's very satisfying to know that we have done something so simple for us but so important to others."

Sarah Stuart, Ward Manager at Linden Ward said: "I am very grateful for all the help given; it has been such a fantastic community effort."

"I would like to give a special thanks to our volunteer Denise Andrew, who got the ball rolling."

"The Linden patients have benefited from having a functional greenhouse where they have been able to spend time growing flowers and vegetables from seeds and making the Linden garden a pleasure to relax in."

"It is very therapeutic being involved in the garden."

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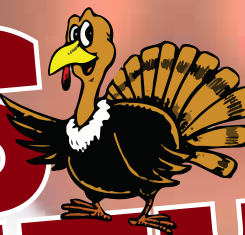
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Shop Dorset says 'shop local'

SHOP Dorset is encouraging residents all over Dorset to support county businesses in the run-up to Christmas.

Local website www.shopdorset.co.uk enables shoppers to select and buy a wide range of gifts for all the family and order everything for the Christmas table all from the comfort of their own home while supporting small businesses across Dorset.

There is a chance to discover special gifts and treats including cookware, clothing and craftwork, books, bags and beer, gardening gifts, glass blowing courses and green products.

For those with an artistic bent, Shop Dorset introduces many local producers of unique woodwork, jewellery, artworks, home accessories and much more. Experience vouchers on the site include afternoon teas, spa days and jewellery making workshops.

Perfect presents from Weymouth-based businesses include a tray of brownies from Rolly's Brownies, a bird's nesting box from Goulds Garden Centre or a watch from Harbour Times.

There are also afternoon tea vouchers from The Dining Room, a spa day at Moonfleet Manor and the fantastic wall at Heart Deco or a voucher for glass blowing with Stuart Wiltshire Glass.

Elsewhere there are cookbooks from the Hive Beach Cafe or a stylish Barmah Panama hat from Smith & Smith in Bridport, where shoppers can also buy silver bangles from Silver Chilli, a cosy Daisy Fleece Throw from Lilliputs or beautiful animal colouring books from Sarah Lovell Art.

Dorchester offers a sweet treats hamper from Message Muffins or charcuterie from Capreolus Foods.

You could also buy football pattern dress shirts from My Collars and Cuffs, printed silk scarves from Damian Clarke Creatives or a gift pack of mixed beers from the Piddle Brewery. There are also children's gifts at Boo's Toy Shop in Poundbury and Wise Owl Toys in Dorchester.

News in brief...

■ **WEST DORSET DIABETES** Voluntary Group is holding a Christmas party at the Dorford Centre on Thursday, December 11th at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Potential members are welcome to attend the evening which will include festive fare and entertainment. For further information call Dorchester (01305) 784891.

■ **BROADMAYNE:** A Christmas market is being held this Friday, December 12th from 2.00 to 3.30pm at St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne.

It will include a range of Christmas items, cakes, preserves, raffle, crafts, plants, bric-a-brac, books, jigsaws, cards, local pork, sausages and eggs, local watercress, plants from a local nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee.

All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall which is currently being refurbished with a new kitchen and disabled toilet. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper on Dorchester (01305) 853765.

■ **DORSET COMMUNITY ACTION'S AGM** will be held on Friday, December 12th at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester, starting at 10.30am.

Following the formal business there will be speakers talking about the future of health and social care in Dorset and the roles of the voluntary, community, and social enterprise sector.

Harry Capron will give Dorset County Council's perspective from the Better Together Programme, and Phil Richardson, of Dorset's Clinical Commissioning Group will give an update on Dorset's Clinical Services Review.

Widow backs police drink drive campaign

A WIDOW whose husband was killed by a drink-driver is backing Dorset Police's Christmas drink and drug drive campaign.

Margaret Waterland has allowed the publication of photographs from the horrific collision which claimed the life of her husband David in the hope it acts as a warning to others.

Mr Waterland, 69 of Wareham, died at the scene. Margaret escaped with minor injuries.

Margaret said: "I went out that night a wife and came home a widow. David had been my world for almost 40 years and that night he was



■ **MARGARET and David Waterland**



■ **DAVID Waterland's car after the crash**

snatched from me all because Stewart Rosoman made the decision to get behind the wheel after drinking."

Rosoman, 51, of Milton Abbas, was jailed for six years on Tuesday, November 4th, after being found guilty of careless driving while unfit through drink.

Margaret said: "I am urging everyone to make sure they don't drink and drive this Christmas. Designate a driver or get a taxi.

"Drink driving is simply not worth it. It is not

only innocent lives you destroy but you also ruin your own family's lives – they suffer too.

The police's annual drink and drug drive campaign runs to new year's day.

Anyone charged with a drink or drug drive-related offence during the campaign will have their names, court appearance details and possibly photograph released to the media.

Every driver who is involved in a collision during this period will be breath tested, irrespec-

tive of whether they are suspected of drink driving or not.

If someone is caught drink driving they will face a minimum 12 month driving ban, a criminal record, up to six months in prison and a fine of up to £5,000.

Inspector Butler is urging people to call the police on 101, or 999 immediately, if they suspect someone is drink or drug driving.

Calls can also be made to the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555111.

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Extra police over Christmas to deal with domestic abuse

DORSET police are making additional specially-trained officers dedicated to victims and those who commit domestic abuse available over Christmas and new year.

The police say that, as in previous campaigns, they will be targeting serial perpetrators of domestic abuse and ensuring effective measures are put in place to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Known offenders can expect to receive a police visit to ensure they are abiding by any special conditions or court orders.

Detective Inspector Joe Williams said: "We are determined to support victims in reporting these crimes, and make sure those who inflict abuse are brought to justice. This is a priority for us."

"Along with our own experienced and specially-trained officers who investigate these offences, we also work in close partnership with other agencies who can also offer support, advice and guidance."

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Dorset police receives on average 700 reports of domestic abuse per month across the county and say that reported incidents of domestic abuse tend to increase over the Christmas and new year period.

DI Joe Williams continued: "If you commit an act of domestic abuse against your partner, expect to be arrested, dealt with robustly and go through the Criminal Justice System if appropriate. Domestic abuse offences can attract significant custodial sentences."

"Dorset police is committed to preventing these offences developing into more serious violent crimes. Across the UK two women a week and one man every 17 days are killed by their partner or former partner."

"Alcohol can play a part in domestic abuse. Please ensure you do not become a perpetrator as the result of excessive drinking."

"I strongly encourage anybody suffering from

this awful crime to report it and seek help."

Dorset police have extra powers through the recently introduced Domestic Violence Protection Notices and Orders, to bar a suspected perpetrator from contacting a victim and stop them returning to a victim's home.

Members of the public can also get information from the police about anyone they suspect of being an offender by calling 101 under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (Clare's Law) and asking for a disclosure on a suspected offender's past history, known as the 'right to ask'.

The scheme is for anyone in an intimate relationship regardless of gender.

Anybody can make an enquiry, but information will only be given to someone at risk or a person in a position to safeguard the victim.

For more information on support services available throughout Dorset visit www.dorsetforyou.com/dvahelp.



Lifeboat carol service

THIS year's popular quayside carol service at Weymouth's RNLI lifeboat station will be held on Friday, 19th December at 7.30 pm.

The service will be conducted by the Holy Trinity Church clergy team. The Mayor and the RNLI Chairman will each give a short bible reading.

The volunteer lifeboat crew will be supported, as usual, with music from the band of The Salvation Army.

Everyone is invited to come along to this harbour side traditional carol service to get the festive season under way.

Weymouth Sailing Club will be open after the service for those revellers who wish to have a festive drink before making their way home.

Special service for the bereaved at Christmas

A 'Blue Christmas' service for those who have suffered bereavement will be held at Dorchester United Church, South Street, on December 14th at 3.00pm.

The church says that all those who are struggling with the concept of celebration at Christmas are also welcome to attend.

Record-breaking fundraiser year for Cancer Research supporters

A LOCAL Fundraising Group are celebrating raising £20,000 this year for Cancer Research UK.

The Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester fundraising group have had a record year this year raising an amazing £20,000 which has been kindly donated by the local community.

David Tattersall, from Chickerell, Dorset, who is treasurer of the committee said: "I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising group this year."

"Without your help and support we would not have raised so much money this year in support of Cancer Research UK."

"I would like to extend a special thank you to all the goblet holders who continue to have our goblets on their counters; to the funeral directors for forwarding on their In Memoriam donations and a special thank you to all the individual supporters who have helped at collections this year including Matalan who kindly gave us a date to collect at their store."

Dawn Harrison, Cancer Research spokesperson for Dorset said: "David and his team have been amazing this year, to raise £20,000."

"It's not an easy thing to do: what they have achieved will make a massive difference to the work of our charity. I hope David and his team of supporters feel extremely proud of their efforts this year, helping Cancer

Research UK bring forward the day when all cancers are cured."

"Every step we make towards beating cancer relies on every pound, every hour and every person who helps, that's why we are so grateful to David and his team for all that they have achieved this year."

"Cancer Research UK has made enormous progress in the fight against cancer and continues to do so. However, we have only been able to do this thanks to the dedication and commitment of our volunteers and supporters without whom we would not be able to fund our vital research."

"Survival rates for cancer have doubled in the last 40 years. But one-in-three people will still get cancer at some point during their lifetime. Cancer Research's groundbreaking work, funded entirely by fundraising groups like this, will help ensure that millions more people will survive in the future."

"Thank you for helping us Beat Cancer Sooner."

If you would like to support the local group by fundraising in Dorchester, Weymouth or Portland please contact David Tattersall (01305) 761643 or Dawn Harrison 07850 669 067.

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Foresters invest new Chief Ranger

A FORMER Dorchester-based local government officer, Robin Barrett, has been invested to the senior local position with the Ancient Order of Foresters; an altruistic organisation that raises funds for local charities.

Mr Barrett, from West Stafford, has become Chief Ranger of Honorary Court Highclere No. 1 Weymouth of the Ancient Order of Foresters, which was founded in the town 127 years ago.

The Honorary Court has met in Weymouth four times a year since October 1887 and Mr Barrett has been a member of the Weymouth Court for eight years.

"I'm really delighted to be leading an altruistic organisation with so much history- one of the oldest in Weymouth," says the new Chief Ranger.

"I hope to raise a lot of money for my charity during the year and attract some new members to the Foresters."

The new Chief



■ **CHIEF Ranger Robin Barrett toasts the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Councillor Kate Wheller (left)**

Ranger welcomed the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Councillor Kate Wheller, to the Foresters' Annual Dinner at Weymouth Golf Club.

His chosen charity for his year is the Salvation Army.

"They do such amazing work all over the UK and indeed throughout the world, working among the community," said Mr Barrett.

"While in the army, I saw them helping people in need wherever I went."

The raffle at the An-

nual Dinner raised £160 for the Salvation Army. Weymouth alderman Andy Hutchings is the new Sub Chief Ranger and will take over the presidency next year. Munro Ross has been the court's secretary since 1996 and the treasurer is Tom Savage.

The club meets at the Grade II listed Pilgrim House in Hope Square, owned by Weymouth Rotary Club.

New members are welcome. Please contact the Honorary Court should be made to Secretary Munro Ross at 01305 784320.

Xena is latest recruit to Dorset's police force

DORSET police's dog section has welcomed a new dog to their team.

The short-haired German Shepherd has been teamed up Police Constable Steve Budd after his dog Tango retired in August 2014. The pair have just completed an intensive 10-week training course where

Xena became fully licensed to work in the county.

Xena will now become one of Dorset police's general purpose dogs that are called to attend a range of incidents around the county, from helping to search for offenders and missing people, to

dealing with public order incidents.

PC Steve Budd said: "Xena excelled on her training course and has all the makings of being a fantastic police dog."

"She has an excellent temperament and is more than ready to get out onto the streets as a police dog."

Xena came from Devon and Cornwall police's puppy scheme and was paid for with a donation from Sniffer Dogs UK and International (SDUKI). The company will be funding a second dog for Dorset police in spring 2015.

The Dorset police's dog section is based at Ferndown and Weymouth and there is one inspector, one sergeant and 12 constables responsible for 21 dogs. The force currently has 13 German Shepherd dogs mainly trained for general policing duties and eight dogs trained in sniffing out drugs, cash or explosives.

Inspector Neil Leat, of the dog section, said: "Police dogs are vital



■ **Dorset's latest police dog, Xena in training**

members of the Dorset police family delivering policing across the county.

"Our dogs have been used to track vulnerable missing people as well

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■ **Xena, with handler Steve Budd**

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Dorwest Herbs

WOW, what a year for Dorwest!

HERBAL pet product manufacturer Dorwest Herbs have really been on a roll this year scooping a number of awards in all aspects of the business. Dorwest were delighted to start their winning streak at the 'The Pawscars' in March, an event which recognises the success and hard work of those involved within the dog show world. Dorwest celebrated winning 'Best Trade Stand of the year', this award was particularly special as it was voted for by the general public and a testament to Tradestand Managers Brian and Carmel Cleveley.

Dorwest then went on to be crowned winner in the 'Customer Service Award' category at the prestigious Natwest Venus Womens Business Awards Dorset in July. This award is an accolade for the Dorwest team highlighting their excellent knowledge, advice and personal service towards customers and their pets' health.

Finally Dorwest did the double at the PetQuip ceremony held at the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate as part of the PATS pet trade exhibition in September. Eighteen pet care companies were honoured in six industry categories and Dorwest won the Gold Award in the 'Supplier of the Year' category, again rewarding their outstanding customer service and product support.

And as if that was not enough Mary Boughton MBE who is a director of the company won the special 'Lifetime Achievement Award!' Mary has taken Dorwest from strength to strength over the last 50 years and is

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A delighted Jo Boughton-White, Managing Director comments "2014 has been amazing for Dorwest, we just seem to have gone from strength to strength. We also successfully launched our extremely popular Oatmeal Advance Shampoo which has now won it's very own award too! We are now looking forward to some exciting developments in 2015"

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Poinsettia pointers

By Hannah Stephenson,
Press Association

THE shops are awash with poinsettias at this time of year in shades of red, pink and cream, the colourful bracts having taken an average of eight weeks to turn from green to red.

Garden centres, supermarkets, homeware shops and DIY stores all have them on display, but you need to be careful how you choose your festive poinsettia, says David Mitchell, plant buyer at Wyevalle Garden Centres.

"When choosing a poinsettia, look for a strong-looking plant with bright-coloured bracts and deep green leaves all the way to the base of the pot," he advises.

"A UK-grown plant is by far the best. We grow them cooler and allow them more space, making sure they are tougher for the customer. Check if the retailer is displaying them in a warm, draught-free place and never buy a poinsettia which is being sold outside or near to open doors."

Once your plant's back home, don't place it on a porch or in a conservatory, because poinsettias don't like draughts. You're better off putting it in a warmer room like the living room, but not near a radiator.

"The worst place is a draughty window sill especially if you draw the curtains on them leaving them in the cold space," says Mitchell. "These plants like good light, but are not so demanding for high light as many other house plants. The main point is to keep them warm, between 15 to 20 degrees, and away from draughts, avoiding sudden temperature changes."

Poinsettias should be watered as the compost begins to dry out. Don't over-water them or the leaves will drop off and don't leave them to dry out com-

pletely or they may not recover.

After Christmas, allow the poinsettia some time to rest and become almost dormant by reducing watering. When bracts begin to look old and tired in late winter or spring, don't worry if the leaves droop or fall.

In June, prune the plant back to approximately a third of its size. Repot, feed and water at this stage regularly to build a well-shaped plant.

New growth will sprout, so stand it in good but not bright light, water regularly and apply liquid fertiliser every two weeks throughout summer.

From the end of September, ensure the plant has natural day length rather than any artificial light. Poinsettias, which are cultivars of Euphorbia pulcherrima, set bracts and flowers in response to short days. Most will need to have light excluded to ensure 14 hours of darkness out of 24 for eight weeks during the run-up to Christmas.

Once there are more hours of darkness than light, the plant will begin to change colour. If you begin the initiation process at the end of September, you should start to see a subtle colour change by mid-October and the full transformation by the end of November.



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upcoming gigs

Thursday 11 Dec

Marine Theatre,
LYME REGIS
**Blast from the past
Victoria Christmas**
7.30pm. £12/£10
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### Friday 12 Dec

Royal Portland Arms,  
PORTLAND  
**The Bluesolar Volts**  
9pm.

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT  
**Blast from the past  
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Saturday 13 Dec

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**Bernardo playing
vintage guitar**

7pm.
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Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Relics

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
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### Sunday 14 Dec

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS  
**Bug Tree Swamp  
Christmas Show &  
Christmas Jumper  
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Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Nina Garcia** 4-6pm  
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Saturday 20 Dec

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John De Barra

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Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
1/2 Jack
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### Friday 26 Dec

Hope & Anchor,  
BRIDPORT  
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Saturday 27 Dec

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Perfect Strangers

Festive folk from Fairport founder

ONE FOR THE ROAD WITH THE ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND

THE Albion Christmas Band has begun preparations for its annual foray into the musical joys of the festive season, and the band arrives in Lyme Regis on Monday, December 15th as part of its 'One For The Road' tour. The Marine Theatre's audience will have the opportunity to unwind and escape from all the hustle and bustle of the seasonal preparations and enjoy a packed evening of seasonal carols, spoken word, humorous readings and dance.

This year's tour coincides with the release of the band's live album of the same name. The album was recorded by Rooksmere Records during the band's fifteenth anniversary tour last year at London's prestigious Kings Place. The album was officially released on Monday, December 1st and features a selection of songs, tunes and readings from the two-hour show as well as capturing the atmosphere of the evening's performance. This year's show at the Marine Theatre will feature highlights from that recording plus many old favourites.

The Albion Christmas Band evolved from special seasonal shows by the last incarnation of the Albion Band. On a suggestion from Simon Nicol, a previous Albion band member himself, Ashley 'The Guv'nor' Hutchings brought together two other previous Albion Band members to create an autonomous band to present a guided tour through the Christmas customs of Britain. Using an interesting mix of traditional seasonal songs and adding a modern twist with some newly written songs the show is the antithesis of the 'Christmas specials' filling television

screens, reminding audiences of the simpler pleasures and values of a traditional Christmas.

The Albion Christmas Band features the combined talents of Simon Nicol (founder member of Fairport Convention) on acoustic guitar and vocals, Kellie While (Albion Band), acoustic guitar, vocals and percussion, Simon Care (Edward II), melodeons, and the Guv'nor himself, Ashley Hutchings, (founder of Fairport Convention, Al-

bion Band, and Steeleye Span) on bass guitar and vocals.

To book tickets for the concert at Lyme Regis's Marine Theatre contact the box office on 01297 442138 or visit the Marine Theatre's website www.marinetheatre.com

For more information about the Albion Christmas Band visit the website www.albionchristmas.co.uk



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So grab yourself a bargain and get a Day Ticket at a discounted rate or following requests from this year's feedback, one of 150 Evening tickets.

This year's event, the first of its kind in West Dorset, received glowing praise from all quarters including the sponsors, local council, the bands and the public, for its content and the professional way in which it was planned and organised.

The daylong "not for profit" event will be held once again at Asker Meadows, Bridport on Saturday July 11th from 10am -11pm.

Evening Tickets (£15) will be limited to 150 and this will allow you access to the festival after 7pm. Daytime tickets (£25) are discounted for the first 400 (£20) and then will increase to the standard price.

If you want them for a Christmas gift be sure to order by December 18th to guarantee delivery before Christmas.

For details of all ticket prices and concessions for children, disabled and over 60s go visit the website at www.jurassicfields.com/tickets.



GREAT EVENT: Headliners Dodgy in action at this summer's Jurassic Fields

McGrath and Pope bring 'A Bridge Over Troubled Lager - Volume 2' to Lyme Regis

FOLLOWING a hugely successful run at this year's Edinburgh Festival, Rory McGrath and his musical partner Philip Pope, hit the road, this Autumn, with their hilarious musical show A Bridge Over Troubled Lager - Volume 2.

McGrath and Pope's marriage of mirth will once again combine Rory's sublime lyrics - a signature combination of sophistication, wryness and downright filth - with the mature elegance and artistry of Philip's music. Expect dozens of songs, rudely interrupted by the pair's backchat and bickering on subjects including - but not limited to - social media, pets, Scottish independence, Philip's toe, love, marriage, Croatian pop in the 90's and foul language. And then there's reality TV, conservation, Schubert, heavy metal, the French, hardline Christianity and the Polish word for a mayfly.

Rory McGrath - comedy writer, presenter, actor and singer-songwriter - was born in Cornwall and read modern languages at Cambridge. He started his career as house comedy writer for BBC Radio LE, writing for Frankie Howerd, Dave Allen, Roy Hudd, David Jason, Alfred Marks and many others. Besides writing for shows such as Who Dares Wins and Alas Smith and Jones, he was a co-founder of Hat Trick Productions - responsible for such classics as Whose Line is it Anyway?, Father Ted, Have I

Got News For You and Chelmsford 123. In the '90s, he became a mainstay on hit sports/comedy panel show They Think it's all Over. More recently McGrath has been a regular on Grumpy Old Men, Three Men in a Boat and Great British Adventure (Paddy McGuinness, Will Mellor) and has presented numerous documentaries on history, engineering, beer and wine and nature. His writing exploits have brought two autobiographical works - the Sunday Times bestseller Bearded Tit (about love and bird-watching), and The Father, the Son and the Ghostly Hole (being brought up a Catholic). He is also a passionate Arsenal supporter.

Philip Pope first appeared at the Fringe with the Oxford Revue in the late '70s with Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins and Helen Atkinson Wood with whom he then appeared in Radio Active on Radio 4 for 7 series. He soon became known for his vocal impressions and from this came parody band The Hee Bee Gee Bees in the '80s - he was the driving musical force. He went on to be musical director and lead singer for Spitting Image (The No1 hit The Chicken Song was his handiwork). Like McGrath he also starred in TV's Who Dares Wins and Chelmsford 123, as well as Not The Nine O'Clock News, KYTV, Shelley and Blackadder. He also donned a cunning disguise and altered

his voice to become Tony Angelino, the 'Crying' speech impediment singer in a classic episode of Only Fools and Horses. He has recently guested in the very popular Outnumbered and acclaimed spoof documentary The Life of Rock with Brian Pern. He is a regular cast member of Radio 4 favourite Old Harry's Game - Andy Hamilton's long-running radio show about Satan. As a musician and composer, Philip's credits read like a who's who of British comedy and include The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Fry & Laurie, The Lenny Henry Show, Dirk Gently, Whose Line is it Anyway?, The Fast Show and Harry & Paul and he has written music for a vast amount of TV and radio shows such as Outnumbered, Jonathan Creek, Badults and Yonderland, as well as Gimme Gimme Gimme, My Hero and Benidorm. He has also composed for films including Kevin & Perry Go Large. He is also an avid Arsenal supporter.

Rory McGrath and Philip Pope bring *Bridge Over Troubled Lager - Volume 2* to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, December 12th, at 8pm.

Tickets are £13, £12 (concessions). To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit the website at www.marinetheatre.com



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'Sara Pascoe vs History' is at the Electric Palace on Saturday, January 17th 2015. Doors open 7pm, with the performance starting at 8pm. Tickets are £12 plus booking fee in advance, or £14 on the door.

For more details and tickets visit www.electricpalace.org.uk or call 01308 424901

Movie star Paddington starts tour of Dorset



Paddington on Weymouth beach

PADDINGTON Bear has arrived in Dorset and has embarked on what will be the start of many adventures around the county over the next couple of months.

The Visit Dorset Tourism Partnership are pleased to be working with VisitBritain as part of their global PR, digital and social media campaign to promote Britain as a GREAT destination on the back of the international release of the new Paddington film.

Dorset has been lucky enough to be selected to host the famous marmalade loving bear, and the Visit Dorset team will be busy sharing photos of Paddington at key locations around Dorset until the end of January using the hashtag #PaddingtonsBritain.

Paddington's itinerary has so far seen him build a sandcastle on Weymouth Beach, visit the Olympic Rings on Portland and take a 'selfie' at the Portland Bill lighthouse.

Paddington has also discovered the many fine visitor attractions that Dorchester has to offer including the Keep Military Museum, Thomas Hardy's statue and the Teddy Bear Museum, where Paddington met his ancestors.

A visit to Dorset wouldn't be complete without a 'set jetting' trip to West Bay and Paddington took great delight in visiting the filming location of popular ITV drama Broadchurch.

Nick Thornley, on behalf of the Visit Dorset Tourism Partnership, said "We are delighted to welcome Paddington to Dorset and are thrilled to be working with VisitBritain on this engaging national campaign. Paddington's well known love of exploring new places makes him the perfect icon for inspiring visitors to discover all that is 'GREAT' about Dorset"

You can follow Paddington's Dorset adventure by visiting www.facebook.com/VisitDorset or keep up to date on Twitter with Paddington's travels around Britain by using the hashtag #PaddingtonsBritain.

The Visit Dorset Tourism Partnership is made up of the district and borough councils from West Dorset, Christchurch, Purbeck, East Dorset and Weymouth & Portland. The tourism team of the West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland Shared Services Partnership is co-ordinating this activity on behalf of the other rural Dorset local authorities.



Paddington at West Bay

Swimming lessons at Highlands End

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plus Sat & Sun: 10.30, 11.30, 13.45

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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 ^{12A}
Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.15, 17.00, 19.45

Sat & Sun: 12.30, 17.50, 20.35
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies ^{12A}

Daily: 12.45, 13.30, 14.45, 16.00, 16.45, 18.00, 19.15, 20.00, 20.45

plus Sat & Sun: 10.25, 11.35
Black Sea ¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.30
The Imitation Game ^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.00, 15.35, 18.10
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The House of Magic ^U
Sat & Sun: 10.30am

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St Vincent ^{12A}

Fri-Wed: 20.30

Men, Women and Children ¹⁵
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.00

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Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.05, 21.05

Sat, Sun: 21.05

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Sat & Sun: 12.30, 15.15

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Make it yourself...

Chocolate, Plum and Almond pudding with Orange Butterscotch Sauce

THIS chocoholic pudding is a favourite at Tierra Kitchen. We make it dairy free, but just substitute eggs, butter and cream as indicated for the dairy version.



Method

1. Pre heat oven to 160c
2. Grease and line a 25cm square / 4cm deep baking dish with grease proof lining paper.
3. Gently toast the almonds (in the oven)
4. Mix half the chocolate – 200 gm with the margarine (butter) in a bowl and gently melt over hot water 'bain-marie' – stir carefully and quickly to ensure chocolate doesn't get too hot and split. i.e. don't boil! Let cool for 5 minutes
5. Meanwhile mix the sugar, coffee and soya cream in mixer (or by hand in deep bowl. If using eggs instead of soya, add one by one). Then add the melted chocolate to the mix.
6. Add the flour and baking powder. Mix until smooth, and then add the almonds and plums.
7. Finally add the remaining chocolate and transfer to lined baking dish.
8. Bake for 20 minutes at 160c, then turn oven down to 140c and bake for a further 8 to 10 minutes. The pudding should be very moist and chocolaty in the centre. Serve immediately or cool re heat later.

Ingredients

- 400 gm dark 70% chocolate pistols or bars cut into 3mm squares
- 225 gm organic vegan margarine (or 225 gm unsalted butter)
- 225 gm caster sugar
- 1 expresso or 1 dessert spoon coffee essence
- 9 dessert spoons soya cream (or 3 medium organic eggs)
- 90 gm plain white flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 150 gm flaked almonds
- 250 gm or 6 medium dark plums cut into 3mm chunks

Orange butterscotch sauce

Ingredients

- 100 gm golden granulated sugar
- 150 gm golden syrup
- 40 gm organic vegan margarine (unsalted butter)
- Fine zest and juice of one orange
- 150 ml soya cream (200 ml double cream)

Method

PUT all the ingredients apart from the soya cream in a small saucepan and gently bring to the boil, and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes until golden orange brown. *n.b. do not take to caramel stage.* Finally, whisk in the soya (dairy) cream, and the sauce is ready.

Make it yourself...

Mid Winter Torte

THIS centre piece dish takes a bit of effort to prepare, but ticks all the boxes in December with seasonal ingredients but still has a rich multi layered texture and flavour. The wild mushrooms and hazelnut has a deep earthy taste, the spinach is light, and the butternut squash mash is smooth and almost sweet.

Serves 6



Ingredients

- 120 gm peeled and roasted hazelnuts, roughly chopped
- 50 gm dried trompettes or porcini mushrooms soaked in a small glass of white wine for 5 minutes, then drained and chopped (keep the wine)
- 220 gm puy lentils
- 1 large onion peeled and fine diced
- 3 cloves garlic fine chopped
- 1 small leek fine chopped
- 2 small to medium butternut squash (600-700 gms)
- 150 gm / 2 medium potatoes
- 400 gm loose leaf spinach (carefully washed and shaken dry)
- 50ml olive oil
- salt and pepper
- A couple of good pinches of nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 170c. Peel the butternut squash, cut in half lengthways and remove the seeds. Then cut into roughly 2 cm square pieces. Baste the squash with two tablespoons of olive oil and one tablespoon of maple syrup, season well. Arrange the squash on a roasting tray and roast gently for approx. 40 minutes until cooked through and tender, but without colour. Peel the potatoes, bring to boil and simmer for approx. 25 minutes until cooked through.

2. To make the wild mushrooms / hazelnut layer, first bring a medium pan of water to the boil, add some salt, then add the lentils and simmer for 15-20 minutes so they are just tender, but still a little al-

dente. Transfer to a colander to drain the excess water. Add a little olive oil to keep moist, but do not run under a tap. Allow to cool. Meanwhile, in a medium pan on a moderate heat, sauté the onion in a little olive oil for 2 minutes or until becoming translucent, add the garlic, leek and the finely chopped drained mushrooms, sauté and stir for a further 5 minutes. At this stage, add the drained lentils, sauté and stir for a further 4 minutes, season well with salt and pepper. Allow to cool for 5 minutes, then add the chopped hazelnuts. Evenly transfer the mix to an appropriate sized baking dish (approx. 25cmx20cm, with a depth of at least 5cm)

3. For the wilted spinach layer,

heat up a large frying pan with a little olive oil and add 1/3 of the spinach, season well with a good pinch of nutmeg and sea salt, wilt quickly so the spinach retains its basic shape and then add evenly onto the trompette and hazelnut layer. Repeat until all the spinach is wilted and added.

4. Finally transfer the squash to a good sized bowl, add the cooked potatoes and 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Then mash until fine, creamy and smooth. Spread evenly over the spinach layer.

To serve, bake the finished layered torte for 20-25 minutes at 170c.

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Main Courses

- Glazed parsnip and butternut squash tart tatin, homemade all-butter puff pastry bake, served with caramelised red onion and sautéed local kale, glazed carrots and pomegranate syrup **£13.90**
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ELLIPSE in West Bay has been transformed in the last 12 months and has been given a new contemporary look with a striking new bar at the heart of it.

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Despite having moved away from being a café and now being purely a bistro and bar, the new Ellipse is still serving coffees, and fresh baked pastries every morning until 12pm, when it is then lunch only until 3pm. In the Bistro you are greeted with table service, yet a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

Almost all the tables boast stunning panoramic views of Lyme Bay through glass

walls, which arch around from the east to the south cliff. Sunsets can be truly spectacular, as they have been on the recent clear evenings, with golden sunlight setting over Lyme Bay and flooding the interior with wonderful light. No other building in West Bay has such truly stunning views.

In the evening Ellipse transforms with the stunning bar providing the centre-piece, it's coloured lights illuminate this stylish, modern restaurant. The seafront location can become well hidden in the dark winter nights, but rest assured Ellipse is open every Friday and Saturday evening through the winter, as well as Thursday evenings up until the week before Christmas.

Boxing Day provides the perfect opportunity to sample what Ellipse has to offer. Visit the seaside resort, watch the brave souls take the Boxing Day Swim in the sea, and retreat to Ellipse to warm yourself with one of their famous Hot Chocolate's or perhaps something a little stronger such as an Ellipse Snowball Cocktail. Made from orange syrup,

vodka, Cointreau, milk, and ice, it is the ultimate festive drink.

The restaurant is now taking bookings for both Boxing Day and New Years Day lunch, so be sure to reward your festive stroll along the beach with a beautiful Italian lunch with the family, you can even bring your dog with you in the day time! A sample menu can be found on the opposite page.

The chefs are well known locally with excellent reputations, and can cater for all dietary requirements on request (allergens are available for every dish that is served if you should require them). Watch them work through the open Kitchen pass as they prepare everything from scratch.

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Italian thick vegetable omelette, served with mixed salad

Chicken Cacciatore £7.45

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Lasagne Al Forno £6.95

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MAINS

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Spaghetti with Meatballs £9.95
House recipe meatballs in a rich tomato sauce, topped with freshly ground black pepper and grated Parmesan.
Risotto of the Day £10.95
Please ask your server for details
Antipasti Platter £13.95
Cheese, meats, salami, olives, marinated artichokes, tomatoes and Italian bread

SIDES

Mixed Salad **£4.00** • Roasted Vegetables **£4.00**
Roasted Potato Wedges **£4.00** • House Baked Focaccia Bread **£2.00**

PIZZAS (Available in two sizes: approx. 8" and 12")

Margherita £9 / Small £6.50
Tomato, Mozzarella, Oregano and extra virgin olive oil
Tropicana £10 / Small £7.50
Tomato, Mozzarella, Ham, Pineapple
Al Vegetali £10 / Small £7.50
Tomato, Mozzarella, Roasted Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Basil
Gorgonzola £11 / Small £8.50
Tomato, Mozzarella, Mushroom, Salami, Gorgonzola Cheese
Festino de Carne £11 / Small £8.50
Tomato, Mozzarella, Pancetta, Salami, Local pork sausage

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Quattro Stagioni £11 / Small £8.50
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Chicken Liver Pate £6.25 Caramelised Red Onion & Toasted Focaccia

Soup £5.50 With Warm Focaccia

Stuffed Portabella Mushroom £6.50 Bread Crumbs, Garlic and Gorgonzola Filling

MAINS

Lasagne Al Forno £12.00
Our House Recipe Lasagne, with Garlic Bread or Salad

Spaghetti Carbonara £12.00
With Pancetta, Egg Yolk & Cream, Ground Black Pepper and Grated Parmesan with Garlic Bread or Salad

Melanzane alla Parmigiana £12.00
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Risotto £11.00
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

ROUSDON, LYME REGIS: Combyrne Rousdon Social Club's Annual Turkey Bingo. Half time refreshments and bar, club open 7.30, eyes down at 8pm. Come one, come all and have some bingo fun! Contact Sarah Powell (01297) 443235 for further details

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH

WEYMOUTH: Salvation Army Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale, West Ham Road, from 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Every Thursday. For more details or enquiries call 01305 774244

LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at the Woodmead Halls, 8pm.

DORCHESTER: West Dorset Diabetes UK Voluntary Group Christmas Party at the Dorford Centre (DT1 1RR) opposite the Top o' Town car park. 7pm for 7.30pm. Everyone affected by diabetes is welcome to come along and enjoy some Christmas fare and festive fun. For more details call 01305 784891.

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group - Carols and Mince Pies at St George's Hall, Fordington. Charge of £1. Everyone welcome. Collection of tin/packaged food for Dorchester Food Bank.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall, (Next to the Church) lots of Christmas items, Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis U3A - Coffee/tea at 10am followed at 11am by a talk by Judith Burke on her recent journey along the Camino de Santiago from western France to Santiago de Compostella. This talk replaces one by Philip Howse who has had to cancel. Woodmead Hall, followed by Christmas drinks and nibbles until 2.30pm. Members free, visitors £2.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Lunch at Hunter's Lodge, Raymond's Hill. For more details call 01297 444733

CHARMOUTH: Bingo Evening at St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence Dancing at the village hall, 8-10.30pm. £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. For more details call 01297 442439.

BRIDPORT: Christmas Coffee Morning at Bridport Outdoor Bowls Club at the Priory Lane Club-house. 10am-12.30pm. Various stalls.

THORNCOMBE: Cantamus Choir concert - 'A Great Mystery' - Music for Christmastide. At St Mary Church from 6pm. Tickets £8 on the door.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Burton Bradstock School Christmas Fayre, 10am-12noon. Festive stalls, raffle, refreshments, family fun and lots more. Raising money for new maths equipment, and interactive white board, and contributing to school trips.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH

PUDDLETOWN: Ridgeway Singers and Band West Gallery Carol Concert at St Mary's Church. 3.30pm.

BRIDPORT: Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at the Alleyways Antiques Centre, 10am-4pm.

MONDAY DECEMBER 15TH

OSMINGTON: Jim Davis presents An Afternoon with the BBC Concert Orchestra for Osmington Recorded Music Society, 2.15pm at the Village Hall, Shortlake Lane. Further info tel: 01305 262121

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club - Christmas party night at 7.30-10pm in the WI Hall, North Street. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club - this week featuring guest caller Eileen Nightingale with live music from Chris Toyne. No partner or previous experience required. Bring a few nibbles to share. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442. Club then closed until Monday 5th January.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16TH

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: Christmas Bingo at the village hall. Doors 7.30pm, eyes down 8pm.

CROSSWAYS: The History of Kingston Maurward Estate at Crossways Library, Old Farm Way. 7.30pm. Everyone welcome for an interesting evening with a festive touch, including coffee and mince pies. All for just £3 or £2 for members of the Friends.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17TH

EYPE: West Dorset & Fine Arts Society Christmas Meeting at Highlands End Leisure Centre at 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615

NEW ARCHAEOLOGY GALLERY AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

Archaeology Gallery at Dorset County Museum being redeveloped in spring 2015

THE Archaeology Gallery at Dorset County Museum is currently being redeveloped as part of a £250,000 project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Landscape Partnership Scheme and the South Dorset Ridgeway Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Upon its completion in summer 2015 the new gallery will become the visitor centre for the South Dorset Ridgeway. Ultimately it will link in with information panels to be displayed along the ridgeway itself helping visitors explore the AONB and understand the sites that can be seen there today.

"This is a very special project for us," said Jon Murden, director of Dorset County Museum. "The archaeology of Dorset is the history of over 10,000 years of human habitation in the county - our collections are nationally significant and cover the entire

period from paleolithic times to Saxon and Viking Dorset."

When the new Ancient Dorset Gallery (the new name for the former Archaeology Gallery) opens at the Museum, the centrepiece will be a special display of the Viking skeletons found during the construction of the Weymouth Relief Road in 2009.

During the initial work (December to March 2014) the existing gallery will be open but artefacts from some display cases will be removed for conservation. Other key objects will be redisplayed in the museum during this time.

The design of the new gallery will ensure that when work starts on the Museum's planned Collection Discovery Centre, the improved displays will be moved into the new extension at minimum cost.

While the work is being undertaken, visitors will be able to

enjoy a special spotlight loan from the British Museum of three jadeite axes and some mace heads from their own collection. Dorset County Museum's own jadeite axe will be displayed alongside these loans.

For further information visit www.dorsetcountymuseum.org. Dorset County Museum is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.



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LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at the Woodmead Halls, 8pm.

DORCHESTER: Talk by Anne Wheatcroft on South Africa, a group tour. Anne ventured into South Africa with a tour group making it possible to get close to many exotic birds in and around Zululand and Kruger National Park. Talk at St George's Hall, Fordington, 7.45pm. Admission £3 for RSPB group members, £3.50 visitors, to include coffee and festive nibbles.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19TH

UPLYME: Christmas Whist Drive & Raffle at Uplyme Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. £4 per head, including refreshments. All proceeds to Weldmar Hospice Trust. We would love to see as many people as possible.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Party at the Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. For more details call 01297 444733.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Round Table presents Christmas Club Night at the Spice Centre. 80s, 90s and 00s music. 10.30pm-2am. Tickets from the Spice Centre or No. 35 Coffee House - £6 each. Ticket proceeds to charity.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The RNLI's annual Christmas Carols and Songs will take place in the West Bay Hotel from 7.00 pm courtesy of Tess and Sam Good. A fun filled event to round off the year and to welcome Christmas. In addition to good music and song there will be light refreshments and a prize raffle. Ensure early arrival to obtain a seat.

MONDAY DECEMBER 22ND

LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at the Woodmead Halls, 8pm.

SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs featuring "English Contra Dance Band" with caller Jane Thomas, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11.00pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door but numbers will be limited for comfortable dancing so better in advance for £7.50 from Bridport Music Shop and Jaxsons Delicatessen; or call to reserve with organiser Monty (on 01308 423442), from whom some complimentary tickets can be made available to first-timers by prior arrangement. See www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

TUESDAY JANUARY 6TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. Jake Winkle will be demonstrating his techniques in painting wildlife in watercolours. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Moviola presents 'Pride'. At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors open 7pm, film from 7.30pm. Tickets available from Yarn Barton £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01308 861378.

FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm.

TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. A novel way to use your credit cards! Graham Watson is going to show us all a way of using them in creating a painting. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21st

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'The Art and Meaning of Maps' lecturer: Prof. Jeremy Black. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

WEYMOUTH: Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Smuggling Tales from Dorset & Hampshire' a talk by ex-Yettie Bonny Sartin. At the library, from 10.30am. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members. Includes refreshments.

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BRIDPORT WD/D/14/002965 & WD/D/14/002966 Conservation Area Listed Building Erect single storey extension & 2 no. dormer windows. Install replacement timber windows & carry out internal alterations 67 West Allington

CERNE ABBAS WD/D/14/002882 Listed Building Replace 2 ground floor and 2 first floor windows on front elevation with sash windows 4 Duck Street

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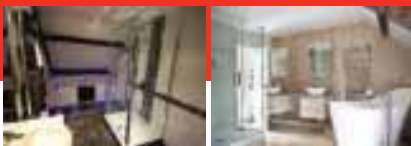
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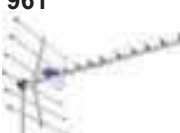
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The RC F's striking appearance has been developed from the show-stopping LF-LC and LF-CC concepts Lexus revealed in 2013. The guiding principle was functional beauty: every element of the exterior styling has been designed to maximise either aerodynamic or cooling efficiency.

The front end is anchored by a new interpretation of the hallmark spindle grille, this time with a double-spindle effect with a graduated F-motif mesh grille that helps ventilate the 5.0-litre engine and, via apertures in the outer corners, ducts cooling air to the front brakes. The importance of cooling is reflected in additional grilles in the outer spindle shape, located to direct air to the oil radiators.

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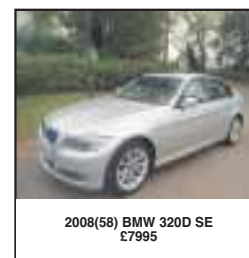
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Weymouth rugby news

BY CHRIS DAVIS

Budmouth finesse earns county plate semi-final

Budmouth College 39 Lavington School 0
THE Budmouth boys conducted themselves in a very professional manner against a physical Lavington side in the Dorset County Year 11 Plate competition, whose one-dimensional game plan focused on ball carriers hitting it up around the fringes.

The tackle count from the Budmouth players was immense, as was the number of successful turnovers.

When they did play with the ball in the hand they looked to optimise the space and use their pace and great support play to run the Lavington defence ragged.

The boys played some great heads up rugby, focusing on breaking the opposition down through every available channel.

Budmouth now move on to play Blandford School in the semi final.

Weymouth & Portland U16 36 Sherborne 22
THIS was a cracking game but unfortunately there were a few too many injuries in what was a well contested game of rugby which the players, coaches and large crowd of both home and travelling support thoroughly enjoyed.

Unfortunately the society referee was one of those injured but one of the Sherborne coaching staff, Damian Orton stepped in for the second half. As it turns out he was an excellent referee.

In a very close affair Sherborne scored two tries in the first 10 minutes, but Weymouth rallied with two tries of their own, only to concede another to make it 15-12 just before half time, but the home side was under the cosh and looked a shadow of the team we have come to expect.

The turning point was an excellent penalty kick from Cameron Thomson in the last play of the half to level the scores leaving Sherborne knowing that, despite a commanding display, they found themselves level rather than having the commanding lead they probably deserved.

The second half was frenetic, and at one stage the referee spoke to the captains to see if he could slow things down.

Weymouth scored three tries to lead 36-15 but in the dying minutes Sherborne scored a well deserved try to bring the final score to 36-22.

This was an excellent second half performance from the Weymouth squad. The scrums were solid throughout and the forwards performed well at the break down, but it was the quality of the backs that eventually won them the game.

A special mention to Rory Legg who as captain kept the team motivated throughout, Ben Randall who played flanker for the first time and per-

formed superbly at the lineouts. Will Stone, George Simpson (injured), Morgan Wyatt, James Davis and Cameron Franks defended well and were always in the faces of the opposition, whilst Thomson was majestic with the boot; converting all but one of the five tries and adding a further three points from a penalty.

Swanage & Wareham U13 5 Weymouth & Portland 43

FROM the offset W & P took the game to the opposition.

Inclement weather made handling for both teams a challenge, resulting in many scrums, but Weymouth soon found their grip to win many against the head.

This encouraged the pack who, working well as a team broke through the Swans lines, feeding the ball out to James Dobson whose speed saw him over the line and inside ten minutes another push from the forwards saw Jaden Claridge ran in a second for Weymouth. Cameron Gaw with a straight run through soon added a third.

Just as determined the Swans found space to put a run through the backs scoring their first try just before the break.

In the second half Claridge powered through to score once more before pressure continued to wear at the Swans defence and Gaw again arrowed through with another score.

The speeding Ben Tracey then scored between the posts before Claridge completed the scoring in the last seconds.

Weymouth U12 34 Blandford 0

IAN Clements opened the scoring for Weymouth with a powerful run through the Blandford defence.

Sam Burton converted the try and Weymouth's confidence grew with good passing and movement.

Ben Leperniere-Symes was also eager to get on the score sheet, scoring three tries. Jake Hatcher showed what an asset he has become with his strength in the scrum and moving forward with the ball, and he was rewarded by scoring his first try for the team.

Weymouth 48 Blandford 0

The second match saw Weymouth continue where they left off in the first match, with tries scored by Burton (2), Reece Dade (2), Leperniere-Symes, Ben Bratt, Liam Howlett, and Hatcher. With Harry Baker converting three and Howlett one, Weymouth came away with their first victories of the season.



■ **LAST FOUR:** The Budmouth College rugby team which has reached the semi-finals of the Dorset County Year 11 Plate Competition. *Photo by CHRIS DAVIS*

Weymouth & Portland U11 40 Blandford U15 / Weymouth & Portland 55 Blandford 10

These well earned wins for Weymouth & Portland in both matches as the home team put to plan all their hard work during training.

The hosts put on pressure straight from the start and constantly penetrated the Blandford line. Early try's from Finley Wyatt, Jordi Murphy and Xavier Hughes saw the home team race ahead. Some great centre play from Milli Berry and Jacob Brunnel helped Weymouth & Portland dominate the field of play.

Blandford's attempts in attacking were meet with some fierce tackles by W&P who also were quick in turning over the ball during the rucks. George Cartwright, Eddie Goodrick, Ben Kinsey and Nathan Lang also added to the home teams score line. Player of the Match went to Cohen Emery for his great attacking play.

Burnham-on-Sea U9 3 Weymouth & Portland 8

WEYMOUTH started brightly with good movement of the ball. With the whole team working well together and running forward, the pressure eventually led to Flynn scoring.

Weymouth continued to dominate forcing Burnham back, and good play from Owen saw Alexanderscore a second try.

Burnham grouped together and worked hard attacking Weymouth down the touchline, and despite strong resistance Weymouth eventually buckled and Burnham ran through to score.

However from the restart Owen ran through to

score Weymouth's third try.

Weymouth continued with good tackling at the start of the second half and the pressure paid off with Owen running in Weymouth's fourth try, before Flynn and then George added to the score.

Burnham regrouped and a team effort resulted in their second try of the game, but from the restart a combination of good team play from Weymouth ended with George again crossing the line.

The game continued to enthrall with both teams cancelling out each other. George ran through to score Weymouth's eighth before they were caught napping by their opponents to add their third.

Weymouth & Portland U8 22 North Dorset 20

THIS was quite a physical game with North Dorset fielding some large players, but an awesome performance from all the team saw Weymouth come out winners.

Tries which came mostly from great support play were scored by Eddie Moles, Lawrence Goodrick, Korbin Clark, Joshua Robins, Archie Munro-Price, Sam Benson, Sam Street and Zack Hill.

Try of the game went to Sam Street for his solo run from one end of the pitch to the other.

Fantastic tagging in the second part of the game by James Porter enabled Weymouth to gain advantage and score another try whilst the players-of-the-week awards went to Zack Hill and Lawrence Goodrick.

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

Leading pair's dominance continues

LAND Registry and Wyke A secured almost identical results this week to continue to lead the way in DIVISION ONE.

Wyke had an impressive 28-12 win over the youngsters of Budmouth A with Sai Maganti, Mike Doyle and Shaun Beauchamp winning the first four legs before Sam Millar struck back for Budmouth with a 3-1 win over Doyle, but that was their only success.

Land Registry dropped one set less to record a 28-11 victory over Colliton X. They lost the opening leg of their match with Neil Hardisty losing to Mick Hogan, but then reeled off the remaining nine legs to close out a comfortable victory.

Red Triangle won their second match of the season with a closely fought win over Shipton Gorge A, the final doubles match deciding this match with Shipton needing a 3-0 win to overhaul the 18-20 deficit they faced after the first nine legs.

Gil Roberts and Miranda Edwardes put up a great fight going 1-0 and 2-1 up before finally succumbing to Andy Mitchell and Tony Reed in five legs and losing the tie 20-23.

The two Budmouth teams top DIVISION TWO with Budmouth B ahead of Budmouth C but having played a match more.

Even this early in the season it looks like

the matches between them could be crucial. Budmouth B beat Preston B 27-12 with Josh Harman of Preston the only member of their team to take legs, beating both Daren Graham and Brad Burroughs.

Ben Graham of Budmouth A has now played 15 matches this season and won them all, dropping only six sets in the process.

Budmouth C won all ten legs of their match with Colliton C, the Year 9 and 11 students proved too strong on the night with Jamie Blair, Moses Lewis and James Green running out comfortable winners 30-7.

Preston A and Springfield A have identical win/loss ratios this season after Springfield's 27-16 victory.

The match was a real tussle with five legs going the distance and three others to four sets, turning this into a marathon. It could have easily swung either way but Springfield came out tops with Mike Page and Steve Rook both gaining maximum legs whilst Roger Lovell replied with seven legs and Simon Green six in an evening played in a real sporting fashion.

Wyke D and All Saints are out in front in DIVISION THREE after both recorded wins this week. Wyke D beat Dorset Youth B 29-7 and

All Saints beat the Wyke C team 24-13.

Roger Walden, Ian South and Tony Dobbs rattled off the first eight legs for Wyke D before Martin Singer registered Dorset Youth's first win.

Roy Sharp of Wyke C won all three of his singles legs against the Dadd brothers and Hector Knight of All Saints but was unable to stop the youngsters winning the match.

Pilgrims B and Preston D had a 'battle royale' with the former just pipping Preston 22-17, where six of the 10 legs went to four or five sets.

The star of the evening was Pilgrims Barry Thomas who won all three of his legs with his serve being particularly difficult to handle.

However, it was close going into the doubles with Preston D having the possibility to win it if they could take all three sets to none. Dick Cottage and Lynda Clegg put up a good fight but that serve did for them and they lost it to Thomas and Alec Bailey 3-0.

Shipton Gorge C recorded the second full house of the week by winning all ten legs against Steps for the loss of only one (30-1).

Michael Hoskins scored Steps' only leg of the night as they continue to search for their first victory of the season along with Wyke C.

Weymouth FC

Yetton steals it again

Weymouth 3 Banbury Utd 2 (Calor Premier- att; 602)
CAPTAIN Stewart Yetton once again turned up trumps to secure victory in Weymouth's first home league match for three months just three minutes from the end against lowly Banbury United.

It looked like the Terras would have to settle for a point after recovering from an early setback and then conceding an equaliser, but with time running out, the striker won a corner. Adam Kelly picked up Chris Shepherd's short flag kick and cut the ball back to Yetton who stuck out his foot to divert it wide of keeper Leigh Bedwell for his 13th goal of the campaign.

Weymouth had started well and Shepherd was unlucky with a 25-yard shot that crashed against the crossbar on 18 minutes.

However Banbury took the lead ten minutes later when Ben Whitehead turned in Marvin Martin's low cross from six yards.

There was an element of luck about Weymouth's equaliser a minute before the break when Martin's attempted interception of Calvin Brook's through ball fell to Kelly who fired home from the edge of the box past.

Weymouth went ahead midway through the second half when Kelly's cross found Jake Wannell who's header was tipped on to the bar dropped down for sub George Riggs to nod home.

But Banbury were not done and they equalised with 15 minutes left when Leam Howards surged into the penalty box before rolling the ball back into the path of Carl Tappin to fire home.

West Dorset Youth Cricket

Cerne charge

WEYMOUTH U16 100-1 BEAT DORCHESTER 98-3 BY 5 WICKETS

A WEAKENED Dorchester team batted first and found runs hard to come by early on as Domic Webb and Joe James gave nothing away by bowling a good tight line and length.

Weymouth got into the match with Luke Lovett having Ollie Osbourne caught by his brother Owen with the first ball of his spell.

Peel soon followed clean bowled by Jack Sapsworth for a duck as Weymouth looked to take control of the match.

Dorchester fought back and, despite Weymouth's attack continuing to keep it tight in the field, Ben Macklin (42no) and Will Morgan (38) enabled Dorchester to close on 98-3.

In reply, Weymouth never looked in trouble and with Lovett (26no) Sapsworth (25no) and Webb (26no) all batting with maturity and style, crossed the winning line with 2.4 overs to spare.

CERNE VALLEY U16 143-4 BEAT PORTLAND 124-4 BY 19 RUNS

A YOUNG Cerne upset the formbook with a battling win against an in-form Portland in a thrilling game.

Batting first, Cerne got off to a slow start as Matt Barrett and Jacob Coombes gave little away with tight bowling. Coombes struck in his second over, clean bowling Matty Webb (8).

This brought Solo Roper to the wicket and he and Tao White (30) displayed some class with the bat and Portland were put on the back foot.

When White was run out by a sublime pick up and throw from Thomas Hindes, the run rate slowed.

However the returning Roper punished anything wayward with style and class as his mature and stylish 64 not out enabled Cerne to post a challenging 143-4.

Portland got off to a steady start as openers Joe Adkins (44) and Ben Alford (26no) kept their side in the game.

The introduction of White into the attack slowed the run rate as he only conceded 14 runs off his three overs as well as clean bowling the dangerous Barrett for 12. This swung the game in Cerne's favour and despite battling efforts from Hinde (18no) and Durrant (11) Portland fell 19 runs short.

Lyme Regis Sittles League

FIXTURES:

Wednesday, Dec 17th.

Dave Smith Mixed Pairs.
SHIP INN: Hot gossip
Pair, R Parsons & G Parsons, A Gillings & D Gillings, A Atkinson & N Atkinson, Hot Gossips
Pair, D Heath & R Bevis, E Bearpark & N Bearpark, C Prosser & G Prosser, L Taylor & M Williams (in-charge), G Cantell & J Cantell.

ROCKPOINT INN: J White & L Dare, A Cross & A Rattenbury, D Rickard & J Rickard, T Forsey & A Partner, J Wyatt & R Wyatt, J Kirkman & P Kirkman, Hot Gossips
Pair, M Fowler & G Fowler, P Stamp & J Stamp, J West (in charge) & T West, S Rickard & M Bearpark.

Friday, December 19th

Palmer's Cup

Rousdon Rebels v Roadrunners,
No Hoppers v Young Guns,
Flyers v Anthill Mob,
Tornadoes v Marksman.

Cribbage

LYME REGIS

Results: Beer Club 4 Talbot Arms 1, New Inn Kilming-
ton 5 Nags Head LR 0, Ship
Inn LR 2 Stepps 3, Royal
Oak 5 Cloakham Lawns 0,
Lamb Swans 3 Gerrard Arms
2, Axminster Con Club 3
Old Inn Kilmington 2.

Beer League: Beer Club 1
Talbot Arms 2, New Inn
Kilmington 1 Nags Head LR
2, Ship Inn LR 3 Stepps 0,
Royal Oak 2 Cloakham
Lawns 1, Lamb Swans 0
Gerrard Arms 3, Axminster
Con Club 1 Old Inn Kil-
mington 2.

Fixtures (Dec 15th):
Cloakham Lawns v Ship LR,
Gerrard Arms v Talbot
Arms, Lamb Swans v Nags
Head LR, Old Inn Kilming-
ton v New Inn Kilmington,
Royal Oak v Stepps, Axmin-
ster Con Club v Beer Club.

Table - week 13

	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilmington	13	40
Beer Club	13	38
Nags Head LR	13	36
Axminster Con Club	13	35
Lamb Swans	13	35
Old Inn Kilmington	13	32
Royal Oak	13	32
Ship Inn LR	13	31
Talbot Arms	13	30
Stepps	13	29
Gerrard Arms	13	28
Cloakham Lawns	13	24

Beer League

	Pld	Pts
Stepps	13	23
Old Inn Kilmington	13	22
Ship Inn LR	13	22
Lamb Swans	13	22
Talbot Arms	13	20
New Inn Kilmington	13	20
Royal Oak	13	19
Axminster Con Club	13	19
Gerrard Arms	13	19
Nags Head LR	13	18
Cloakham Lawns	13	16
Beer Club	13	15



Hockey

Beaminster make it four on the trot

Beaminster 3 Salisbury 4th 0

BEAMINSTER Ladies extended their winning run to four in a row as they eased further from the bottom of Channel Division One which they occupied just a month ago, with this comprehensive victory over Salisbury 4ths.

This was another impressive display that highlighted the balance between experience and the younger talent coming through the ranks.

The game started fairly evenly with Salisbury producing some neat hockey that saw them force three short corners in succession, but having shut their opponents out, Beaminster then had a spell where they dominated and saw them close to scoring.

Slowly they gained the upper hand and took the lead in the 17th minute when Andrea Prentice was on hand to knock home a rebound off the keeper after some fierce action in the D.

Salisbury tried to respond but the home defence was in top form, and quick reactions all over the pitch saw Beaminster cut out a number of potential moves.

Beaminster began to move into overdrive with wingers Lydia Brookling and Bella Foot stretching the visiting defence.

Brookling's gliding runs and Foot's more direct and forceful hockey saw the Salisbury defence scrambling to contain them, and eventually they were breeched when Phoebe Stewart reacted quickest to pounce and fire high into the net after the overworked keeper could only parry another shot from a cross.

Salisbury by now posed little threat except through the experienced left winger on the counter attack as Beaminster created a number of other chances to score, particularly from short corners.

A change at half-time saw Stewart assume goal-

keeping duties with Izzy Mullins moving to left back in place of Taryn Critchard, and Hollie Clarke introduced up front.

Within 30 seconds of the restart Prentice saw her wonderful reverse stick shot saved by the keeper as Beaminster continued where they left off.

But they had a huge let-off themselves six minutes in when Salisbury struck the post following a huge scramble after a short corner routine.

Almost immediately they went down the opposite end and put the game beyond doubt with a superbly executed third.

A one-touch flowing movement started with Brookling down the right who found Nina Holloway. She in turn crossed into the D where Hollie Clarke was on hand to leave the keeper motionless with a stunning shot.

Beaminster saw out the rest of the game with little problem and Tracey Smith fired just wide from a short corner, whilst Mullins was forced to clear a shot from a late short corner off the line.

This was a great all round performance once more with the younger players in the side now gaining in confidence and becoming more aggressive in their play.

BEAMINSTER: Izzy Mullins, Jenny Clarke, Georgie Simmonds, Tracey Smith, Taryn Critchard, Genna Bunker, Nina Holloway, Andrea Prentice, Lydia Brookling, Phoebe Stewart, Bella Foot, Hollie Clarke.

Thompson magic earns a point

TRURO B 2 WEST DORSET HAWKS 2

WEST Dorset Hawks made the long trek to Cornwall and returned with a well-earned point thanks

to a superb equaliser from Mike Thompson just before the end.

The Hawks looked quite threatening for the first 15 minutes which eventually resulted in a good move down the right flank involving Rick Steele and Mike Thompson who picked out Robin Goodfellow who slotted home a great goal.

Perhaps the energetic start took a lot out of the Hawks and the work rate seemed to dip as did the accuracy of the passing which allowed Truro to equalise.

Perhaps the effects of the long trip were beginning to take effect at the start of the second half as the Hawks seemed lethargic and the hosts took advantage with a breakaway goal to take the lead. Buoyed by this success Truro put the visiting defence under pressure for a while but superb goal-keeping by Tom Lowe kept them at bay.

However, West Dorset finally found their rhythm and the whole team rallied and eventually the equaliser came from a long ball from Goodfellow to Thompson who from a tight angle brilliantly reversed hit the ball into the top of the goal.

Captain Rick Dormor said: "I would like to thank everyone for making the effort to travel the distance and to Mike Thompson and Robin Goodfellow for their endless work rate."

Coombes goes nap in rout

West Dorset A 17 Sidmth & Ottery D 0

WEST Dorset A returned to league action following a two week layoff with a home game against South East 2 strugglers Sidmouth & Ottery D.

Having asked for a delayed start to allow for late arrivals, the visitors might have been better advised to go home as the hosts thumped 17 past

them.

Dorset took the lead on seven minutes and this opened the floodgates as they added three more with just 11 minutes on the clock.

The home side continued to dominate scoring a further four goals; the pick of these being a piece of audacious skill from Bob Dormer who controlled the ball midair on the edge of the area before lofting it over a defenders stick and smashing it into the far corner of the goal.

The second-half continued in the same vein with the home side camped in their opponents half. West Dorset continued to score at will. Dormer scored another superb individual goal; beating three defenders and the goalkeeper and tapping it into an empty goal.

The hosts defenders were also getting in on the scoring act; right back Andrew Frampton scoring at the far post following a neat short corner routine and left back Henry Middleton diverting home a Jules Lawrence pull back from the bye line.

Russell Coombes and James Cox were causing the visitors' defence problems all afternoon and they scored seven goals between them in the second half alone.

The final list of scorers was; Coombes (5), Bob Dormer (3), Middleton (3), James Cox (3), Frampton, John Dormor and Rob Cox.

Skipper Middleton said: "Apart from losing the toss, everything went right for us. We over elaborated our passing in front of goal at times but overall this was a great performance."

"I thought Jules Lawrence, James Cox and Rob Cox controlled the play in midfield and created lots of chances. It was a very quiet game for our keeper Lee Herrod who should have brought a book to read!"

Next week should prove to be a more lively affair with the visit of high-flying Chard A.

Juniors lead the way in Lyme Regis golf awards

by Richard Jackman

LYME Regis Golf Club held its annual Presentation Evening last Friday and it was dominated by the juniors who scooped up many of the men's prizes, including junior captain George Seed who collected the club championship prize from Roger Seed, club captain, also runner up and George's father.

In his speech George thanked all who had helped him along the way including his parents and club professional Duncan Driver.

◆ Back on the course and there were some good scores in round two of the **Winter League Singles** as scratch golfer Kieron Fowler took top spot from Harry Harris, both with 39 points with Brian Deem

third on 38 on countback from Gareth Williams in 4th.

In the **Seniors' December Stableford** Deem was again in fine form as he won Division One with 37 points from Keith Gibson and Jim Kerr both with 36.

It was even tighter in Division Two as the top three all scored 36 points but Gareth Vaughan won on countback from Tom Binks and Bernie Porter.

In Division One of the **Ladies Stableford** Susan Moore just beat Jane Southcombe on countback with 36 points and Caroline Baker came 3rd with 34.

Division Two saw Rosemary Dare win from Kathy Briggs, both 32 points, on countback, with Ronny Turner 3rd with 30.



■ SILVERWARE: Award winner from the Junior section with their trophies.

Photo by ROB COOMBE

Scrum down - Bridport rugby round-up

Skipper Cutting makes incisive return

Dorchester 2nd 3 Bridport 15

BRIDPORT started this game with some serious intent; forwards and backs combining well to put Dorchester on the back foot from the outset.

The pressure told and captain Dave Cutting, back from nose surgery, announced his return with a try which Rory Greening converted comfortably.

The skipper, playing at scrum half, continued to be a pivotal figure throughout the game; his intensity was an inspiration to the forwards who turned in a committed performance.

They did however fall foul of the referee on numerous occasions. An offside at the ruck gave Dorchester an easy three points and a further flurry of penalties could have proved costly.

However, Bridport's self-belief was growing all the time and this was exemplified by a terrific try from fly half Ricky Stubbs. Spotting a small gap in the defence he burst through and found the corner. Greening missed a tricky conversion, but at half-time Bridport led 12-3.

The second half started, as did the first, with all

the pressure coming from the visitors. Dorchester's were caught off side and Greening slotted a straight forward penalty to increase the lead to 15-3, and although the hosts did enjoy some promising attacks of their own, it was to no avail. In fact, there were to be no further scores as both defences held firm. Man of the Match was Ayorinde Fraser.

This was an encouraging victory for Bridport who seem to be responding well to the input of stand-in coach Wayne Munro, assisted by Guy Ewart. East Dorset, 15-12 victors over Bridport in a recent cup game, are up next.

Bridport U14 19 Chard 26

THE visitors who opened the scoring after lax work from Bridport, which continued to be a feature of this hard-fought encounter.

For every score Chard gained, Kieran Dunning, George Hussey and Guy Brazier replied with scores for Bridport. Joe O'Hagan added two conversions but it was not enough to prevent Chard winning by a solitary try.

Oakmedians U12 36 Bridport 0

THIS was a difficult game for Bridport against a well organised team.

Within the first 10 minutes Oakmedians ran in four tries. But the Bridport boys contested hard and defended with more passion in the second half. Their heads did not go down typified by man of the match Reuben Joliffe for his attacking runs and his support for his team mates.

Under pressure cracks appeared in the Bridport strategy and a lot was learnt thanks to the quality of the opposition.

Bridport U11 5 Sidmouth 40 and Bridport 5 Oakmedians 40

BOTH visiting teams gave a lesson in driving over, retaining the ball, and speedily getting the ball out wide.

Bridport simply stood and watched at every maul, forgot to drive over, and that age old fault; they didn't tackle, and lost both games by eight tries to one.

There were two exceptions in Toby Gale who car-

ried out 23 tackles over the two games, and Jack Handford, who never stopped attacking.

A spokesman said: "If all players attended training on a Wednesday evening they would know their role and position in the game."

Oakmedians too strong for U9 Blues

OAKMEDIANS arrived with a large and well-drilled squad and looked disconcerted to find themselves two tries down in as many minutes.

Bridport played with great intensity from the off, but errors crept in.

The initiative swung the other way as Bridport missed too many tackles, but they kept attacking and scored some good tries through Charlie Brake, Barney Johnson, Henry Everitt, James Glanville and Charles Edwards (2). When the dust settled Oaks had scored eight tries to Bridport's six.

In the second game Oaks were able to field seven fresh players and a tiring Bridport conceded 12 tries, scoring three in return through Charles Edwards and two from Player of the Match Barney Johnson.

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Weymouth Ladies rugby on the up and up

LADIES rugby in Weymouth looks bright after Year 7 to 9 pupils from Budmouth and St Osmunds showed their skills in a tournament organised by Weymouth & Portland Rugby Club.

Both school are coaching and playing touch and contact rugby in lesson time and after school, and the natural progression of this was to play some competitive matches.

A big thank you goes to all the girls that played under floodlights on a cold dark night.

They did not fail to impress everybody with the manner in which they played the games and showing how much they had learnt in such a short time.

Year 7 - Budmouth 30 St Osmunds 10
A GREAT game with the youngest players showing what they have learnt, some great passes and good support play, but it was the Budmouth team that

finished at winners.

Year 8 - Budmouth 20 St Osmunds 30
THIS was a great game of contact rugby that was very close until the last five minutes when the experience of the St Osmunds team showed. Some great tackles and some great support play from both teams.

Year 9 - Budmouth 25 St Osmunds 20
THIS was such a closely fought battle that extra time had to be played to decide a winner.

Great tackling, good contact skills and some great individual skills from both sides ended with a hard fought win for Budmouth.

The winning teams were awarded a trophy which was donated by Weymouth and Portland RFC, as this will become an annual event with invitations going out to all local secondary schools.



■ **PROGRESSION:** Budmouth and St Osmunds School pupils who braved the bitter weather to show how much ladies rugby has improved in Weymouth

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